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Photo courtesy of Emma Lynch  
Andre Miller and Veronica Miniweather with the attendees of The King's Dream

## Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

**BY QUINCY AMABILE AND  
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The King's Dream was presented by Key Arts Productions a week after Martin Luther King Jr. Day, to a group of fifteen people.

The program was presented by Joseph Patterson, the producer and President of Key Arts Production, Andre Miller, a vocalist in Key Arts, and Veronica Miniweather. Patterson narrated the program while also singing backing vocals and playing the piano during the musical numbers. Miller and Miniweather both sang lead vocals, backing the other up when not leading.

The King's Dream focused mainly on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a Civil Rights leader and recipient of

the Nobel Peace Prize. The program also explores his life, the history of slavery and the Civil Rights Movement itself. The Power Point presentation combines elements of narration, video, photos, and musical numbers to examine these topics and celebrate the life of Dr. King.

The videos contained a selection of both events that happened and partial speeches from various politicians and Civil Rights leaders of the time such as Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, Malcolm X and Dr. King himself, including his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

"You need to remember where you come from sometimes[...]," Ashley Miller, a freshman Sociology major said. "I'm going to take away the fact that all those people did everything he said in the presentation. He

did that for our freedom today. Like, he did that so you and I can stand here and be together and talk and have this interview."

All of the members of Key Arts Productions are from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Patterson has a background in documentary film making, has worked in theatre, and has a degree in music education. He started the company in the late nineties and uses this music, video, narration and photography to present various parts of history. This includes multiple presentations about the Civil Rights Movement (The King's Dream, Let Freedom Sing and The Road to Freedom), the Women's Rights Movement and a history of black music (Three Soulful Tenors, Harlem Grooves, Soul Sounds and The Jazz Experience).

"What we're trying to also talk

to the kids, your students here, about they were college kids that went out and left their dorms and made a difference," Patterson said. "We want them to understand that and hopefully inspire them to be aware of social causes and to lift their voices and give their time to make things better for all of us."

The King's Dream was brought to Mansfield University by the Multicultural Affairs office and will not be the only presentation about the Civil Rights Movement this semester. Student Activities will be presenting "Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement" on February 6 in North Manser.

- Other countries, such as the UK, have experienced an economic downturn in this area as well





# Dr. John Mansfield, 1957-2018

Dr. John K. Mansfield, 60, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Mansfield was born to John C. Mansfield and Nina J. Rice in Salina, Kansas on February 27, 1957.

He graduated from Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey in 1975, going on to earn his bachelor's degree in social work from Florida Atlantic University in 1993. A year later, in 1994, he recieved his master's degree in social work from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

During this time (1993-1994) Dr. Mansfield worked at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Florida, and later became a program director at Children's Case Management Organization in West Palm Beach, Florida, from 1995-1996.

In 1997 he became a licensed clinical social worker and earned his doctorate in philosophy, also from Barry University, in 2003.

Dr. Mansfield moved to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania in 2001 and has been teaching in the social work department of Mansfield University since then. In April 2014 he was elected as the university's APSCUF chapter president, as well as serving as the advisor for Mansfield University's Social Work Club and as a coach for the Boxing Club.

John Mansfield was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda K. Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Julie Mansfield; his twin daughters, Elizabeth and Alexandria and stepdaughters, Micaela and Meghan Weber; as well as his parents, John Mansfield and Nina Rice.

A visitation was held on January 25 at Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home, Ltd. and a Mass of Christian Burial was held the next day at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wellsboro.

# Editorial: Honoring Dr. John Mansfield

BY EMMA LYNCH

*Editor-in-Chief*

I was born and raised in Rochester, New York. I went to a 6-12 school, the smallest school in my district. I must've been in 8 or 9 grade when a fellow student passed away. She was older than me but it was such a small school that even if you didn't know someone directly, you at least knew of them for one reason or another. You knew their face, if not their name. I remember that day, one of the few that stands out in my memory. I didn't know her directly, but she had been well liked and many did. The entire day there was an air of sadness and pain surrounding the school. Students were crying in the hallway, huddled in little groups clinging to one another in support.

Why am I telling you this? Because I find myself in the same situation now that I did all those years ago. I didn't know Dr. Mansfield, I never even met him. I couldn't have told you what he looks like without seeing a photo of him first. Despite that, I still felt the ripple of sadness that went through our university with his passing.

I can only imagine what anyone who knew him is going through right now. Everything I've heard about Dr. Mansfield says that he was a good man. Well-loved by family, friends, co-workers, and students. I'm saddened by the thought that people are hurting because of his loss and I'm saddened to know I will never have the opportunity to meet him.

As silly as it might sound, I take comfort in the fact that I know he touched many people's lives and was a positive influence on them. I hope others take some small comfort from that thought as well. That the world is a better place for having had him in it, that people's lives were changed because of the work he did.

I also know that sometimes there is no comfort to be found. Sometimes not at first, sometimes not ever. I know that losing someone is a hard and painful process. So, if you don't mind, I'd like to give you some advice; don't hide it. Allow yourself to grieve for him, and to know that others are grieving for him too. Talk to a counselor, write something, throw yourself into your studies, sing a song, whatever you need to do.

We live, we love, we laugh, we connect. Hold tight to those happy memories you have of Dr. Mansfield, of the triumphs you shared with him. By doing that, you will always honor his memory. We can all honor his memory and show him how much we love him (even those of us who didn't know him) simply by being the best people we can be. Let's honor him together. Don't grieve alone.

# From Dr. Tiffany Welch

[Dr. Mansfield] loved riding his Harleys, he was APSCUF president, he coached the boxing team at MU, he advised the Social Work Club for many years and that club is now going to develop a scholarship in his name. He definitely thought the world of his family, I can't think of a time, ever, that I saw him that he didn't mention one of his girls or his wife Julie for one reason or another. I will certainly miss him.

I had him as a social work professor when I was a student in the program (I was in his very first class I believe). I then worked with him at two different agencies in the community, then came to work with him at Mansfield. Most importantly, though, he became a friend.

Some of the things the students like to talk about are him buying the whole class pizza (more often than he should have), sitting on the couch in his office just chatting, his memorable laugh, jokes about being from Philly (because he was)... They have been leaving notes (post-its) on his office door, if you walk over there you can probably read some of them. They have asked any student to stop and share a memory or message to his family. They miss him too. My heart breaks for his family.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** - The Social Work Club will be hosting a memorial dinner to celebrate the life of Dr. Mansfield on Friday, February 9, 2018 in 307 Alumni Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Sharing of stories and memories will follow. Open to anyone who wishes to attend at no cost. Donations will be accepted at the door to be used for a future scholarship in his memory.

# Students traveling to Belize

BY ZOE ESPERSETH  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Students at Mansfield University will be taking a cultural research trip to Belize, in Central America, from May 17-31.

Those going on the trip will have the opportunity visit places like the University of Belize and tour Mayan ruins. They will also be able to earn six global block credits once they complete the trip and the accompanying research paper.

“Students will have the chance to conduct both group and one-on-one interviews with a variety of people in Belize, including local business owners, professor, and even representatives from the Belize Tourism

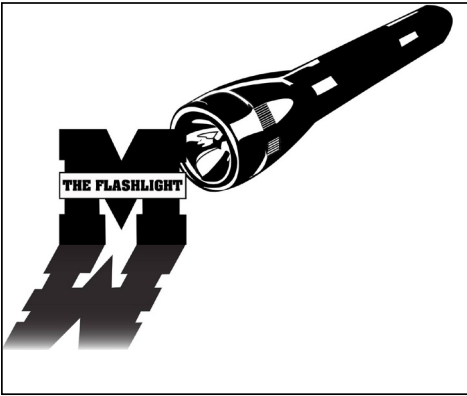
board” Dr. Jonathon Rothermel, a professor in the Political Science department and one of the professors going on the trip, said.

Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth, the Chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Political Science, is going on the trip as well. It will be the fifth year taking students to Belize, the first trip taking place in 2013. Over 44 Mansfield University students have gone on this trip since 2014, as well as 9 employees and more than 22 PASSHE students from other colleges.

The cost of going to Belize has become significantly more affordable to students thanks to subsidies from the Student Government Association. Traveling to and staying in Belize with no financial assistance

would cost 2,500 dollars. SGA has provided a 1,200 subsidy to the overall cost of the trip, so students will only have to pay 1,300 dollars for the trip. Students will also have to buy the six global block credits once they successfully complete the trip as well as bring spending money of their own once they are in Belize. Dr. Rothermel said he is “thrilled with the SGA for their great service for the students”.

Once students are signed up for the trip, preparation to travel to Belize will begin. Three days before the trip, all the participating students will stay on campus to prepare for the trip. These three days will be dedicated to informing the students about Belize before they travel.



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# “Young leaders of the Civil Rights Movement” to be presented at University

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, Mansfield University will present “Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement” on Tuesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. in North Manser Hall. The presentation is free and open to the public. “Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement” is a multimedia performance providing insight to the legacy of student activism and inspiring all to lead in today’s challenge for social reform. From the recent events on the campus of the University of Missouri to the Black Lives Matter Movement, to the Occupy Wall Street rallies, the power of students banding together

# Professor named to National task force

Tiffany Welch, chair and field education director of the Department of Social Work at Mansfield University, has been appointed to the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)/ Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Licensing and Regulation National Taskforce. Welch will work with a competency group whose assignment is how to “Engage with

for positive change has sparked a flame of social reform worldwide. This dynamic multimedia presentation tells the story of the daring young people who led in teaching freedom and equality during the civil rights movement and beyond. Powerful film footage, thoughtful commentary and an inspiring live musical performance show how a student led movement helped with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and has inspired change today. “Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement” is presented by the MU Student Activities Office and funded by student activity fees.



Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities” throughout the spring semester. There will also be a meeting with all competency groups in the Washington, DC on April 27-28. ASWB is the organization overseeing social work licensing examinations in the U.S. and Canada. CSWE is the accrediting body for social work programs the U.S.



# Student veterans organization attend conference

Four members of the Mansfield University Student Veterans Organization (MUSVO) attended the 10th annual Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Conference in San Antonio, TX January 4-6. The Conference theme was “Defining Our Future.” Mike Counterman, Emily Davidson, Robert Lenahan and Mark Taylor attended the conference, which featured speakers, workshops, breakout sessions and other opportunities to share information with their peers and higher education and business

professionals. The SVA National Conference is the largest annual gathering of service members, veterans, advocates, thought-leaders, stakeholders and supporters in higher education in the world. The MUSVO received financial support from the MU Student Government Association (SGA), MU Veterans Support Group, and Mansfield Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6757 and did fundraising in order to attend the conference.

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# Area singers invited to join festival choir for spring semester

Area singers are invited to join the Mansfield University Festival Chorus for the spring semester. The Chorus, directed by Peggy Dettwiler, will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre beginning January 16. The chorus will prepare for two performances of Annelies by James Whitbourn, the first major choral setting of The Diary of Anne Frank, with faculty soloist, Alissa Rose, singing the role of Anne Frank. The chamber ensemble will feature violinist Max Buckholtz, Richard MacDowell on clarinet, Bradley Holtman on cello and pianist Eun-Joo Kwak. The performances will be held on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and April 8 at 2:30 p.m. The rehearsals and performances will certainly be a profound experience for all musicians involved. Anne

Frank’s diary, written while she was hiding for two years during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, has been translated into 60 languages and included on several lists among the top books of the 20th century. The Festival Chorus meets on Tuesday evenings in Steadman Theatre from 7 to 9 pm. Participation in the rehearsals and performances is open to all persons at the university and area high school students and community singers. Singers only need to vocalize for placement in the soprano, alto, tenor, or bass sections. Sectional rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:20 pm. Volunteer members are encouraged, but not required, to participate in sectional rehearsals. Music should be purchased in advance at the Mountie Den Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall.

# Students use add/drop period

BY LUCIANNA MINOIA  
*Staff Writer*

For the first week of classes students can add or drop a class as needed. The add/drop period is only available during the first seven days of classes. Within those first seven days students can add any class or drop any class with no issues; it won’t have the possibility of affecting their grades or having students end up paying for an extra course. “Each day that you delay adding a course during the add/drop period, you are missing material covered in class and you will need to spend more time getting caught up,” Ryan Stanley, Degree Audit/Clearance Specialist in the Registrar’s Office, said. “If you miss the deadline to drop a course and then end up withdrawing from the course, you

still receive a ‘W’ grade but are still paying for the course in full.” Adding or dropping a class is typically done through WebAdvisor. If a student has any issues using WebAdvisor they can always go to the Registrar’s Office in South Hall. Sometimes, however, the issue with adding a class is that the student has not completed all of the prerequisites to take that class - such as needing to take Composition I before taking Composition II. There are also courses that are technically only available to online students, and every class only has a limited number of seats. In situations where a student needs or wants to take a class but has not met the criteria to take it (prerequisites not completed, they are an on campus student, or the class is full) a student can always go to the professor and discuss it with

them. If the professor agrees, the professor will contact the Registrar’s Office to have them added to the class. “On WebAdvisor, there is a very brief description of the course,” Dr. Lynn Pifer, a professor in the English and Modern Languages department, said. “So students don’t know what to expect, or students are dropping because their might be a conflict of their schedule, or they have already taken a similar course.” “I’ve only dropped on time ever and the procedure to drop it was pretty easy,” Curtis Oulsey, a Print Graphic Design major, said. Overall, the add/drop period is in place to benefit students. Whether or not it is necessary for them to use that period is up to each student, but it is always there.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 - Souper Bowl 6:30-7:30 pm (Oak) - SuperBowl Sundaes 7:30-8:30pm (Oak)	5 - Past Presence: An exhibition from the University Art Collection begins (Allen)	6 - “Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement” Multi-Media Program 6-7:30 (North Manser) - Team Trivia Night at the Hut 9-10:30pm	7 - Open Mic Night at the Hut 9-11:55pm	8 - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9-11:55pm	9 - Last day to submit incomplete grade changes - Student conducting symposium (All day in Butler)	10 - Conducting Symposium Concert 7:30-9pm (Steadman)
11 - Saxophone Studio Recital 1-3pm (Butler)	12 - Past Presence Opening Reception 4-6pm (Allen Hall) - Last day to complete ‘credit by exam’ - Admission transfer information night 5-7pm (South Hall)	13 - Film screening of Harmonium 7-8 pm (Spruce Multi-Purpose Room) - Team trivia night at the Hut 9-10:30pm	14 - Open Mic Night at the Hut 9-11:55pm	15 - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9-11:55pm	16	17



## Education/Special Education majors participate in workshop

Erica Powell (Gillett, PA) and Charlsie Bowen (Owego, NY), both Early Childhood and Special Education majors at Mansfield University, recently attended a workshop with Professor and Department Chair Nanci Werner-Burke at Intermediate Unit 17 in Canton, PA

The workshop focused on integrating computational thinking into the K-5 curriculum. Participants had the opportunity to learn about computer programming and coding. Working alongside public school teachers from across the region, each took turns leading groups as they explored digital and “unplugged” teaching and learning activities. Concepts such as decomposition, abstraction, and algorithms were a main focus

during the event.

“Charlsie and Erica were a part of the Hour of Code, when they were students in my Integrating the Arts class,” Werner-Burke said. “When the opportunity arose to extend that learning through this workshop, they were up for the challenge. As technology becomes more advanced and accessible, teachers need to be able to knowledgeably support students to use it to create instead of just being passive consumers. Coding is just one aspect of that area, and we are increasingly incorporating this strand into teacher preparation at Mansfield University.”

Both students will be student teaching in the spring semester.

## A Man With One of Those Faces by Caimh McDonnell - A book review

BY DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Advisor*

This is a book with one of those covers.

Yes, I know we’re not supposed to judge a book by its cover, but who among us can honestly say we don’t do that. We see a gorgeous man or woman, a sleek sports car or an electronic gadget that looks sexy and think, “Don’t know what that is, but I gotta have it!”

This book was the opposite of that. It turned up in my To be read pile and I had no idea where it had come from or why it was there. The title was uninspiring. I didn’t recognize the author’s name and what’s with that weird H at the end? I was about to toss it aside for the next book in the pile when I looked at the back cover. It said, “A brilliant comedic crime thriller.” It said, “...whip-smart and funny.”

I knew it was illegal in Ireland to lie on the backs of books, so I thought I’d give it a change.

I was hooked by the end of the first page. Clever writing. Funny plot. Good characters. Terrific idea for a crime thriller.

The funny and the clever stayed for the whole book, but the terrific idea for the crime thriller—a guy with “one of those faces,” a face that everyone mistakes for someone else—rather disappeared. After the first couple pages it played little role in the story.

Paul Mulchrone, the man who looks like everyone else, accidentally doesn’t learn a deadly secret, but someone’s trying to kill him, just in case. Nurse Brigit, who persuaded him to talk to the dying man, has read a lot of detective books and wants to help Paul figure out why anyone wants to kill him. Bunny McGarry is a hurling coach and a police detective. He never bluffs, and he’d like to atone for something he did to Paul many years ago, though he’s too mean to even think it.

With the help of some of New Scotland Yard’s finest, Paul has to solve one of Ireland’s most notorious crimes while running from the police and the Irish mob.

I learned many years ago that Irish bulls are always pregnant. When I started this book and was delighted by the clever writing and humor, I sought the author on Facebook and told him how much I was enjoying his book. As an aside, because of that odd H at the end of his name, I asked how his name was pronounced. He told me “The phonetic spelling of Caimh is “Qweeve.” No really. It’s Irish.”

I have decided that I’m going to change the spelling of my name to Qweeve, but I going to still pronounce it “Dan.” I going to explain to anyone who asks that, “I’m Irish.”

## Professor travels to South Korea to teach

Eun-Joo Kwak, Keyboard Area chair and assistant professor of Piano at Mansfield University, traveled to South Korea in December 2017, presenting masterclasses at Sunhwa Arts High School in Seoul and Peniel

Arts High School in Busan.

As a visiting artist from the US, she was also featured in the “Focus On Musicians” column in Music Art, a quarterly journal published by The Music Association of Korea.



## Men and women’s basketball teams play Cheyney University Wolves

Mansfield’s Women’s basketball team played against the Cheyney University Wolves last week. After what was an extremely close game, the Mounties lost to the Wolves, 63 to 69. The Wolves were behind in the first half but in the second half, they caught up to the Mounties, scoring 23 points in the third quarter. The six-point difference occurred within the final two minutes of the fourth quarter and was ultimately the deciding factor for the game. Brielle Kelly, a senior, scored a game high of 26 points. She is also credited with ten rebounds.

The Men’s team on the other hand, soared past the Wolves scoring 72-45. The game began with the playing of the Greek National Anthem. Seniors Andreas Katopodis and Gerasimos Koutoufas were honored as a part of the Greek night celebration. The first half was close, and the game was decided in the second half when the Mounties scored 41 points over the Wolves’ 19. Junior Tyler Moffe scored a record high of 21 points. Jeremiah Worthem and Malik Carter scored then next most points with twelve and ten points respectively.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 - Super Bowl Sunday	5	6	7 - Women’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. West Chester (Home) 5:30pm - Men’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. West Chester (Home) 7:30pm	8	9	10 - Women’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. Kutztown (Home) 1pm - Men’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Kutztown (Home) 3pm
11 - Men’s track and field: Mountaineers vs. Sunday Invitational (Away - Ithaca, NY) All day - Women’s track and field: Mountaineers vs. Sunday Invitational (Same as men’s) All day	12	13	14 - Men’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. Mercy (Away - Nyack, NY) 8pm	15	16	17 - Men & Women’s track and field: Mountaineers vs. Deneault Invitational (Away - Ithaca, NY) All Day



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## Mansfield University honors state trooper Seth Kelly

On November 7, 2017, Pennsylvania State Police Corporal Seth Kelly, a 2000 Mansfield University graduate, was shot and severely wounded when he and his partner came under fire during a traffic stop in Plainfield Township.

Kelly's story of survival—beginning with his quick-thinking application of a tourniquet to his gunshot wound—received national attention. A 13-year State Police veteran, Kelly was in intensive care for several days, underwent

multiple surgeries, and continues to recover from his wounds.

On Monday, February 12, Mansfield University Interim President Scott Barton visited with Kelly at State Police Troop M Barracks in Bethlehem and presented a Certificate of Honor and Appreciation to him on behalf of the University.

Accompanying Barton on the visit were Scott Henry '84, Mansfield University's director of Police Services and Safety, director

of Mansfield's Municipal Police Academy, and retired Pennsylvania State Trooper; Casey M. Wood '02, Mansfield's director of Alumni Relations; and Rocco Zegalia '94, a member of Mansfield University's Alumni Board of Directors.

"It was humbling and a true honor to meet Seth, to thank him on behalf of the Mansfield family for his courage and service, and to wish him well as he continues to recover," Barton said. "Seth's bravery, his tenacity, and his

commitment to his community and to the Commonwealth serve as an inspiration to us all."

"If something good comes out of this, which it already has, and another life can be saved, I'm all for it," Kelly said. Because of his actions, troopers now carry tourniquets with them at all times while on duty.

Kelly continues to undergo rehabilitation and says as soon as the doctors clear him, he'll return to duty.

## Memorial dinner for Dr. Mansfield

**BY REBECCA RAYMOND**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

A memorial dinner for Dr. John Mansfield was held Friday, Feb. 9, in 307 Alumni Hall.

The social work club hosted the memorial dinner. Doors opened at 5:30 pm and dinner was served at 6:30 pm. The event was open to anyone free of cost, though donations were accepted at the door

to kickstart a scholarship in Dr. Mansfield's name. If someone was unable to attend but still wanted to donate, checks can be made out to the Social Work Club and given to Dr. Tiffany Welch, the head of the Social Work Department. Her office is in Pinecrest room 202.

Dr. Mansfield passed away on Jan. 23, 2018. He was an associate professor in the social work department, and the chair of the

department at one point. He had previously been the advisor for the social work club and the boxing club. He had also served previously as the local APSCUF president.

The scholarship in his name will be a yearly scholarship available only for social work majors, but other qualifications have not yet been determined.

"Because while he is a member of the greater community, his

presence here on campus was meaningful to the faculty, staff, and students and we felt that it would be most appropriate to celebrate his legacy here on campus. Additionally, we wanted to be able to make sure all students who had a desire to be involved or to attend were able to do so," Welch said.

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- 2/14/18 - Israel's Prime Minister responds to bribery allegations
  - Benjamin Netanyahu, 68, has been Prime Minister of Israel since 2005, currently serving his second term
  - Police say he and Arnon Mozes, the editor of Yediot Aharonot, should both be charged
  - One case alleges that Netanyahu asked Mozes for positive coverage in exchange for reining in a rival publication
  - Hollywood Producer Arnon Milchan (Fight Club, Gone Girl, and The Revenant) was named in the second allegation - this one claiming that gifts equalling at least a million shekels (\$283,000) included champagne and cigars and were in exchange for getting Milchan a US visa
  - Netanyahu is also suspected of fraud and breach of trust in a case involving James Packer, as Australian billionaire



# Jazz Ensemble performs at Steadman Theatre

BY LUCIANNA MINOIA  
STAFF WRITER

The Mansfield University Music Department's Jazz Ensemble performed in Steadman Theatre on Saturday, February 3.

An audience of 40-50 people attended the performance. The performers paid homage to many jazz musicians including: Matt Harris, Chip McNeill, Dizzy Gillespie, Rob McConnell, Thomas Matta, Mike Tomaro and Don Menza. Instruments included saxophones, trombones, trumpets, keyboards, guitar and drums. During the show many of the performers had their own solos, from freshman to seniors.

"The kids worked really hard," Jeff Jacobsen, the music director of the ensemble, said. "They only had ten rehearsals. The students

are stepping up nicely."

Typically there are more rehearsals before shows, but a couple of rehearsals were cancelled due to bad weather. That, coupled with a short time frame, didn't allow for more rehearsal time.

"Technically it's a requirement, but I would still do it. It's really fun," Mike Becker, a junior Music Performance major, said. "The music department is very nice to everyone, including outsiders." Becker is an alto saxophonist in the ensemble.

The audience was able to participate in parts of the show, clapping along to the music the students played.

"I came to see my friends, like Dylan [Woodring]," Carley Collins, a junior Community Health Education major, said. "I enjoyed the show very much."

# Presenting the civil rights movement

BY BILLIEJO PRISET  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The fight for civil rights is an ongoing movement that seeks to bring equality to people from every walk of life, regardless of race, gender, age, or religion. On February 6, 2018, three members of Key Arts Production travelled from Philadelphia to Mansfield University to perform a multimedia presentation entitled "Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement." Key Arts Production is a multimedia performance theater company that has been travelling to high schools and universities across the country since 1997, sharing inspirational messages on diversity and culture. "Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement" was Key Arts Production's second performance at Mansfield University this semester, the first being a showing of "King's Dream" on January 22.

This event was held in North Manser at 7:30 p.m., and thanks to student activities fees, it offered free admission to students, faculty, staff, and community members. It was attended in equal numbers by

Mansfield employees and students, totaling approximately 25 audience members.

The presentation displayed on the screen showed historical film footage and interviews of some of the civil rights movement's most prominent contributors including Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and President John F. Kennedy. Live musical performance was incorporated into the show. Powerful selections like Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On" provided connections between popular culture and political action during this period.

"Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement" concluded with a segment on how the civil rights movement paved the way for future activists to fight for equality. There was brief discussion of modern movements like Black Lives Matter and the Me Too campaign. Finally, Joe Patterson, the President of Key Arts Productions, invited the crowd to join him and Key Arts Production's two other singer's in singing "We Shall Overcome". He encouraged participants to hold hands with those around them, as a symbol of solidarity with one another.

# Students conduct symposium

BY NATALIA COLES  
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On Friday, February 9, Mansfield University's Music Department held a Student Conducting Symposium in Butler Music Center.

The purpose of the symposium is to help develop the skills of musical educators and performers alike, honing skills of ensemble leadership, knowledge of repertoire and score study, and began as a way to bring together the university's current students, teachers, and guest artists who are highly respected in their field.

"It is my pleasure to be the event coordinator and I enjoy seeing the students benefit from the experience," Dr. Adam Brenner, the University's Director of Bands, said. Dr. Brenner was in charge of putting the event together for its fourteenth year.

Approximately 380 people were said to have been involved in the event in total, including the audience. Students Cole Ramsey (sophomore), Nathan Shedd (junior), and Meghan Gullone (senior), performed songs such as *Movements I and IV of the Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No. 1*, *Endless Rainbows* by Brain Balmages and *Kentucky 1800* by

Clare Grundman. Students who will be conducting are either allowed to select from recommendations or are given a piece to perform that will best showcase their skills. Rehearsals for these pieces begin as soon as the spring semester begins.

"The conducting symposium was an incredible experience to be a part of. Even as a non-music education major, the information and wisdom gained from the professors and guest clinician during their talks and conducting input was invaluable as a growing musician. ... The amount of effort that the department and faculty put into this even is par none, as it greatly benefits the students given the opportunity to experience it," Djano Klumpp said.

Students who wish to participate in the event must have completed the basic conducting course at Mansfield. These auditions are also open to vocal students who have completed a basic conducting course. Teachers may participate in the event, either as an attendee or a full participant, with the submission of an essay as to why they feel the symposium would benefit from them being there as a music professional.

# Student activities program returns

BY TE'WUAN THORNE  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Steve Plesac, helps resurrect dormant student activities program MAC (Mansfield Activity Counsel).

The program has been on a hiatus since the Fall 2017 semester and had its first meeting this semester Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm, in Alumni Hall, room 317. A total of 9 students were in attendance, along with two staff members. MAC was established in the 1990's after it replaced the College Union Board. The program's goal is to come up with ideas or events that students want. The meeting consisted of its current members discussing various topics, including teaming up with other organizations and

bringing completely new things to campus.

"I'm actually pretty excited, I didn't expect this turnout! We had a diverse number of students, this is only our first meeting and it will continue to grow." Steve Plesac Director of Student Activities and Student Clubs Organizations, said. "I'm looking for leaders; we want to bring this organization back. Our goal is to continue to grow and include every organization in our funding. This has always been a student run and student driven organization and I'm only here to help produce it."

"I think the best thing about this group is that people actually listen," one student said.

Meetings will now be on Tuesdays at 4 pm in room 312.

Beethoven, was born in 1770 and died in 1827, grew up when the music of Mozart was popular and Hadyn was honing his composition skills. Beethoven uses many different musical tactics in his piece including; a dominant-tonic movement in F major, it touches on C and G major before going into the second movement. The second movement included simple themes, as the entire opera piece tries to create. The third movement used fast paces known as *molto* and *vivace*. Beethoven “teases us with a slow beginning before lifting the curtain on an exciting *Allegro molto e vivace*” the program finished with.

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# Mobile alert system available to students

BY ZOE ESPERSETH  
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MU Mobile Alerts provides weather and safety information to students directly through their devices. This campus alert system is powered by Blackboard Connect platform, which is a service that provides many schools and communities with alert notification services. Through the mobile alerts system, students will receive important campus updates such as power and water outages, campus closures or lockdowns, weather emergencies, and any other emergencies that need to be rapidly communicated to students, staff and faculty. Jim Welch is the director of Environmental Health and Safety at Mansfield University and works with all groups on campus providing campus emergency procedures, training and assisting with campus emergency preparedness. He is also the point of contact for general safety issues on campus.

“My role in the MU Mobile Alerts is to coordinate messages that are sent out to the campus. I am one of the people on campus who can send them out. We have multiple people that can send alerts to the campus to provide back-ups so that someone is always available,” said Welch. “Prior to the current form, we utilized a system that would provide some basic alerting, but this system is much more robust and reliable.” MU Alerts have been available to students for over five years. The system is a branch of a larger emergency communications system which can also include website alerts, emergency beacons and the ALERTUS system that will send pop-up messages to campus computers. Students can sign up for MU Mobile Alerts through their My Mansfield accounts. After you log in, students may enter their phone numbers after clicking on the MU Mobile Alerts button. Students may also enter two different mobile numbers if applicable.

# Students to go on hockey game trip

BY TAELORE BOWER  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The Student Activities Office is selling tickets for the February 17 bus trip to the Mohegan Sun Arena, for a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game.

The charter bus will leave from the front of Laurel Hall at 3:30 p.m., and will arrive before the 7:05 game start-time. The Student Activities Office has asked students to arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time for passenger check-in/load-in.

Tickets are available, first-come, first-serve, at the MU Bookstore until the end of the day on Friday, February 16. Sayre campus students are encouraged to contact 1-800-577-6798 or 570-662-4922 for assistance in their ticket purchase. As of Wednesday, February 14 students are able to buy non-student guest tickets priced at \$25, for friends and family members. They will receive the same value as students, in addition to a \$10 Dick's Sporting

Goods coupon.

Students are only required to pay \$17 for tickets. The fee includes a round-trip bus to Wilkes-Barre, a Gold Zone hockey game ticket valued at \$27.50, a free Penguins baseball cap valued at \$15, and a \$5 food voucher.

The Penguins are the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins. The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (founded in 1981) will take on the Utica, New York Comets.

The team has a win-loss record of 28 and 12, the current leader in their division. The team were the winners of the East Division and Eastern Conference in 2011, capturing their first Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy. The trophy is an annual award given to the AHL team that scores the most points or has the highest points percentage, in a regular season. The team has found success before winning 2 Regular Season Titles, 4 Division Titles, and 3 Conference Championships.

# Getting ready for summer

BY OLIVIA MOATS  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Winter is ending and it is time to start showing more skin. College students all through the country are shucking off their winter coats and hitting the gym to get that coveted summer body. Now is the ideal time to start shedding pounds and getting toned, but do you know how?

The foolproof way to get a summer body is to lose the weight that was put on over the winter and to build up muscles. To get on the correct path, limit your simple carbohydrate intake and increase your vegetables. This means skip the breads and pastas at dinner and try for a small salad or steamed broccoli instead. Sugary drinks such as soda and energy drinks are also going to make it difficult to lose the winter fat. Getting some exercise in is the other half of the summer body equation. Even if the gym is not an option or it is too intimidating, doing some cardio and weight training in a dorm room or outside will work.

Cardio is an important addition to anybody's workout because it will increase the heart rate and deplete energy stores, which allows the body to burn fat. Most people despise cardio and decide not to include it because they think it is boring or too tiring. The trick is to find something enjoyable, and

that can include running, biking, swimming, or even having a roommate dance party. Anything that gets the heart rate elevated and the body sweating can count as cardio.

Weight lifting should also be included in the summer body master plan. Weights put pressure on the muscles and damage them, which is where the sore feeling comes from, but when they rebuild they come back stronger and more toned. This gives the body that ready-for-the-beach look that people crave. Also, weight lifting allows the body to burn more calories when at rest than it normally would. This higher level of caloric burn usually lasts 36 hours after an intense workout session. Weight lifting is always easier to do at the gym but can be done in dorm rooms or where-ever space is available. Body weight exercises, such as pushups and squats, can be effective for beginners. If a bit more burn is needed then try adding some hand weights or a resistance band. This will make the exercise more difficult and build more muscle.

Building muscle and losing body fat not only makes a body more appealing, but also has a slew of health benefits. Losing body fat can help the body to burn more calories while at rest, help the heart to pump more efficiently, and have more energy overall. It also lowers the risk of getting some common diseases including diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

# Emmy award winner performs at university

Mansfield University will present “The Movement: 50 Years of Love and Struggle” as part of its celebration of Black History Month on Monday, February 26, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Written and performed by Emmy Award-winner Ron Jones, “The Movement” is a visual chronicle, which highlights many of the political, social and cultural markers of the almost 50 years since the passage of the Voting Rights Act..

During the presentation, Jones plays multiple characters and takes the audience on a journey through the ever-changing face of the African American experience. Supported by interactive video, stock historical footage, quotes and some of the most memorable music of the last two generations, Jones weaves the tapestry of struggle and triumph.

“The Movement” is presented by the MU Office of Multicultural Affairs and is funded by student activity fees.

# University offers community swimming lessons

BY REBECCA RAYMOND  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Swimming lessons are being offered at the pool in Decker Gymnasium until March 1.

The lessons will be held for community children for the 2018 spring semester. The first lessons were held February 12 and they will continue every Monday and Thursday until March 1. There are six lessons in total. Each one will last approximately 30 minutes. The cost for all six is \$55.

There are three class levels available based on level of swimming ability. Level 1 is Parent/Child, level 2 is Fundamental Skills, level 3 is Stroke Development. The lessons for each level will be held at separate times. Level 1 at 5:30 pm, level 2 at 6:00 pm and level 3 at 6:30 pm

Level 1 swimmers have no prerequisites. Each child will be with their parent in the water to learn aquatic skills together. Level 2 swimmers must be able to enter and exit water safely, submerge their entire head, blow bubbles, obtain a submerged object in shallow water, and float on their front and back. Level 3 swimmers must be able to enter deep water from the side, enter water head first in a kneeling or sitting position, use rotary breath with body in a horizontal position, know front and back glide using two different kicks, tread water, demonstrate butterfly motion and front and back crawl.

This swimming program is designed with the purpose of teaching children to be safe when they are in or near water, and help develop and improve swimming

skills. The program covers skills and knowledge in a logical progression for aquatic skill development. As students learn these skills, they will become better and safer swimmers.

A registration form is required along with a liability waiver. Complete registration forms should be dropped off in room G-14 Decker Gym or with the lifeguard on current duty, or emailed to rcolby@mansfield.edu.

Payments can be made the first day of lessons. Checks should be made out to Mansfield University.

If there are any additional questions call Robin Colby at (570) 662-4631 or email at rcolby@mansfield.edu.

# Spruce resident director shows Harmonium

BY STEVE MCCAULEY  
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On February 13, Spruce resident director Dave Slampak hosted a screening of Harmonium in the Spruce residence hall.

Harmonium is a film by Koji Fukada. The film was first released at the 2016 Cannes film festival and the official Japan release was on October 8, 2016.

The student turn out for the film was not very high despite good reviews. The film follows a family and their new live-in worker, Mr. Yasaka, who is an old friend of the father, Toshio. The film starts with it's focus around the youngest daughter, Hotaru, and her upcoming concert in which she plays the harmonium, otherwise known as the pump

organ. Her skills improve once Mr. Yasaka comes into the picture. His criminal past eventually catches up to the family and changes the family forever. This Japanese drama delved deep into the cultural aspects such as honor while also demonstrating the westernization of the people with topics such as religion.

The film features some high profile Japanese actors such as Tadanobu Asano who some may recognize as Hogun in the movie Thor.

Dave Slampak will be showing other movies on future dates for Mansfield University students. The dates for future showings can be found on the campus events page or by emailing Dave Slampak directly at dslampak@mansfield.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 - MU Wind Ensemble Reunion Concert; Steadman Theatre, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Todd E. Ranney, Faculty Voice Recital; Steadman Theatre 6 pm - 7:30 pm	19 - Admissions visit day; 8 am - 3 pm - Robert Mollard, Guest Organ Recital; Steadman Theatre 6 pm - 7 pm	20 - Team trivia night at the Hut 9 - 10:30 pm - Admissions Regional Reception; Off campus 6 pm - 8 pm	21 - Open Mic Night at the Hut 9 - 11:55 pm - Empolyer on campus: The Arc of Chemung; Alumni 2 floor, 11 am - 1 pm - Creative Crafting; Oak Multi-purpose room 7 pm - 8 pm	22 - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9 - 11:55 pm - Olympics Kahoot; Oak Multi-purpose room, 6 pm - 7 pm	23 - Admissions Transfer Information Night; South Hall, 5 pm - 7 pm - Light up with some Lava Lamps!; Oak Multi-purpose room 8 pm - 9 pm	24 - Baseball: Mountaineers vs. Assumption College; Neutral (Cary, NC), noon & 2 pm - Women's Basketball: Cheyney University; Away (Cheyney, PA), 1 pm - Men's Basketball: Cheyney University; Away, 3 pm
25 - Inter Collegiate Band Concert; Steadman Theatre, 2 pm - 4 pm	26 - "The Movement"; Steadman Theatre, 8 pm - 9 pm - Fireside chat with President Barton; Sycamore Multi-purpose room, 8 pm - 9pm	27 - Team trivia night at the Hut 9 - 10:30 pm - Shed those winter blues!; 307 Alumni, 11 am - 1 pm - Admission Regional Reception; Off campus, 6 pm - 8 pm	28 - Open Mic Night at the Hut 9 - 11:55 pm - Employer on campus: Pennsylvania state police; Lower Manser, 11 am - 1 pm	March 1 - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9 - 11:55 pm - West Side Story; Straughn Auditorium, 7:30 pm - 10 pm	2 - Mid-Semester grades due by 4 pm - Admissions visit day; 8 am - 3 pm - West Side Story; Straughn Auditorium, 7:30 pm - 10 pm	3 - West Side Story; Straughn Auditorium, 7:30 pm - 10 pm



# Students attend concerts at The Hut

BY ZOE ESPERSETH  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The Sea The Sea is an indie folk pop band that performed to a small crowd of students at the Hut on Friday, February 9. The Sea The Sea is from Albany, New York. Admission was free, and the performance was funded by Student Activity Fees and presented by the Student Activities Office. According to Marissa Gaglione, a student volunteer at The Hut, approximately ten people attended the concert. “Not a lot of people were there, probably because there wasn’t much advertisement for their appearance, but the show itself was still very good,” Gaglione said. The Sea The Sea consists of four band members who describe their sound as Indie folk pop. The Hut also hosted three other bands on Thursday, February 15 at 9.p.m. These four bands included the Rocky Burning Band - which also made an appearance at the Hut in the

fall semester, Willwood and the Tapeworms, Jeff the Rainforest and Suave Badger. “This is the concert of the semester” Gaglione said. The Hut also hosts open mic night every Wednesday starting at nine. Anyone is welcome to perform or encouraged to simply attend. People have performed a variety of entertainment, including poetry readings, freestyle rap, and instrumental performances. Starting February 14, Papa V’s pizza will be providing food for every event at The Hut. Papa V’s first got involved in The Hut activities when they sponsored trivia night every Tuesday night, awarding gift cards for their restaurant to the winning teams. Now Papa V’s food will be catered at every Hut event, including open mic nights. All Hut activities begin at 9.p.m.

# Taking credit by exam classes

BY KIMBERLY SCULLY  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Any student participating in credit by exam had to have it completed by February 12. Students must register within the first seven days of the semester. The exam must be completed and returned to the Dean during the first four weeks of the semester. Credit by exam is available to any student who feels that they have a better understanding in the material that Mansfield University has given. “For students who believe they have mastered the content of a course available for credit by exam, completing the exam can save both time and money,” Lori Cass, of the Registrar’s at Mansfield University, said. This does not include any courses in independent study, ensemble or any group participation, student teaching or pre-professional, seminar or laboratory experience unless given permission from

the chair of the department and the Dean. Students cannot challenge any course where they passed an advance course and if the course has been waived due to advance placement. Financial Aid does not cover any courses through credit by exam. Payments are one-third of the undergraduate fees for each credit. Payments can be made that the registrar office. “Successful completion of the credit by exam earns the student the same number of credits as a student enrolled in the class”, Cass said. If they pass the exam, “EX” will be placed on the students record showing that they passed the exam. If the student does not pass the exam, the record will show that there was an attempt at the exam. In the fall 2017 semester, four students took advantage of this opportunity, and are still waiting for results. Any student interested in taking the credit by exam for next semester can find the application on the registrar’s website.

# Field experience office hosts meetings for education majors

BY KIMBERLY SCULLY  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The Field Experience Office held informational meetings for Education Majors for Certifications, Gates and Testing on February 12 at 8:30 am and February 13 at 3:30 pm in Retan 204. The informational meeting is open to all Education majors and it is encouraged for all yearsto attend. This meeting will help education students get the degree and the certification. “Beyond this, the meeting provides an opportunity for students to gain specific information on PDE requirements for certification in the areas of Gates and Testing.” Christina Fry, the Director of Education Relations and Field Experience, said. Attending the meeting, will allow students to understand the importance of completing the Certification, Gates and Testing. Requirements for certification include basic skills, general knowledge, professional knowledge and subject area knowledge. “Students cannot be certified to teach in Pennsylvania unless they meet the PDE requirements for certification.” Fry said. Once the basic skills are complete, students have to complete the Praxis or the PAPA. Students must also pass Gate 1 requirements that include 48 credit hours, a GPA of 3.0, 3 credits in English Literature and English Composition, 6 credits in Mathematics, Clearances, and Introduction to Education. To pass Gate 1 students must have 48 credit hours, a GPA of 3.0, 3 credits each in English

literature and composition, 6 credits in math, clearances, and introduction to education, and have completed either the Praxis CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators) or the Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA). Students should research both tests before deciding which one to take. Students may be exempt from taking the tests if they had a score of 500 or higher on each category on the SAT or a 22 in Reading and a 21 in Writing and Mathematics on the ACT. The requirement may also be waived if the student has holds either a graduate level degree or completed a certification program in a post-baccalaureate program. Gate II requirements must be fulfilled as well. This includes similar requirements as Gate I such as 3.0 GPA, clearances, and the successful completion of coursework. Mansfield University recommends that TEM (Teacher Education Majors) complete their second set of assessments, Praxis content exam or PECT before student teaching. If a TEM is looking to be certified in Early Childhood Elementary Education PreK-4 or in both ECEEPK-4 and Special Education PreK-8 they need to take the PECT. “By attending the meetings students are more likely to be proactive and successfully meet PDE’s requirements to be a certified teacher.” Fry said. In order to obtain the certification, the PDE will grant the certification to the candidates, while Mansfield University awards the candidates degree.

**Charles Darwin Puzzle Answer Key:**  
Botany  
Genetics  
Double Helix  
Bioinformatics  
Watson and Crick

“You care for nothing but shooting, dogs, and rat catching and you will be a disgrace to yourself and all your family.”  
-- Dr. Charles Darwin to his teenaged son, Charles Darwin.



## Student athletes practice during snow day

BY QUINCY AMABILE  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

It was a snow day at Mansfield University, which meant no classes and a day of fun. The women and men’s track and field teams embraced their day off by showing their dedication to their sport, leaving their rooms to work out during the storm. Some individuals decided it was best to beat the snowfall by running before it even started. Any of the athletes that wanted to use to track woke up and ran in the early morning darkness under the stadium lights of the Maxon Track. The athletes arrived at 6:00 am while the track was still snow-free. The snow began to fall around 6:15

am, but the track remained clear for the next 45 minutes while the athletes were doing their workout. “It was great to get the workout done early on a snow day in order to still be able to run on the track.” Ryan Clifford, one of the students who participated, said. The athletes who did not run on the track still got their workouts in one way or another. Some made the hike up cardiac hill in order to do their workout in decker gymnasium. One of these athletes was Kenzie Jones. She was able to complete a workout of 2 sets of 2 kilometer repeats at 6:30 minutes per mile pace. “It was great to just get out in the snow to have some fun while also doing my workout.” Dylan Rhodes, another athlete, said. Rhodes and a few others decided to run after the snow fell and ended up completing their workout in eight inches of snow.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 - Baseball: Mountaineers vs. King University (TN); Away, Bristol, TN at noon & 2 pm	19	20	21 - Women’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Bloomsburg University; Home 5:30 pm - Men’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Bloomsburg University; Home 7:30 pm	22	23	24 - Men’s Track and Field: Mountaineers vs. PSAC Indoor Championship; Away (Edinboro, PA), All Day - Women’s Track and Field: Mountaineers vs. PSAC; Away, All day
25 - Baseball: Mountaineers vs. Assumption College; Neutral (Cary, NC), noon & 2 pm	26 - Men’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. PSAC First Round; Neutral (TBD), All day - Women’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. PSAC First Round; Neutral (TBD), All day	27	28 - Men’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. PSAC Quarterfinals; Neutral (TBD), All day - Women’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. PSAC Quarterfinals; Neutral (TBD), All day	1	2 - Men and Women’s Track and Field: Mountaineers vs. ECAC/IC4A Championships; Away (Centerville, Mass), All day	3 - Men’s Basketball: PSAC Semifinals (East Hosts); Neutral (TBD), All day - Women’s Basketball: PSAC Semifinals (West Hosts); Neutral (TBD), All day

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Photo Courtesy of Dr. Michele Moore  
Attendees, speaker, and organizers of Mr. Dan Fiei's presentation

## Speaker discusses education and the law

**BY STEVE MCCAULEY**  
*STAFF WRITER*

On February 21st, 2018, Mr. Dan Fiei visited Mansfield University as a guest speaker to discuss key issues in education.

Key issues in Special Education is a section of the Academy Series. Mr. Fiei's accomplishments include serving as the Director of Student Services of the Northern Tioga School District for thirteen years.

To start off his presentation, he discussed case law or laws established by the supreme court. These included Plessy vs. Ferguson (1896) in which the Supreme Court ruled that segregation was acceptable in education if there are equal facilities. This was reversed with Brown vs. Board of Education (1954) when the Supreme Court ruled that separate but equal was ruled unconstitutional.

In the 1960's, parents began to advocate for

better opportunities for their children. This led to advancements in special education in America. Eventually with PARC vs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1971), it was ruled that students cannot be removed from schools due to their disability. This led to the creation of programs that could help students such as supplemental special education classrooms and eventually occupational therapy.

There were twenty-one students who had attended the seminar. Doctors Moore and Whitecraft were in attendance and students were encouraged to ask questions about Mr. Fiei's experience. Mr. Fiei gave insight on his personal experience, including the use of due process to deal with issues that have occurred between parents and the school district. There was also mention on how special education

could be improved for the area despite the economic limitations of Tioga county. In all, there was a good amount of participation from students and professors which lead to discussion up until the end of the event. The students gathered for a picture and then the students either left or stayed to ask Mr. Fiei one-on-one questions.

## Veterans organization calls for submissions

**BY STEVE MCCAULEY**  
*STAFF WRITER*  
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The Mansfield University Student Veterans Organization is currently looking for anyone to design a T-shirt that will be used for the RED

Friday event on April 13, 2018.

RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. We use this day to show our thanks to our service members deployed around the world. Every year, the student veteran's organization on campus devotes one Friday out of the



Weekly Weather

Saturday

Partly Cloudy/  
Wind

High:50    Low:31

Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High:49    Low:30

Monday

Sunny

High:50    Low:33

Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy

High:49    Low:37

Wednesday

AM Showers

High:49    Low:35

Thursday

Partly Cloudy

High:48    Low:34

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High:49    Low:34

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www.weather.com  
Weather icons from Dotvoid

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to  
contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

There is currently no information available.

World News

Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of bbc.com

- 2/28/2018 - Rwanda closes ‘700 unsafe, noisy churches’

- About 700 churches have been closed down in Rwanda for failing to comply with building regulations and for noise pollution

- Most of them are small Pentecostal churches. One mosque was also closed

- A government official says some of the more than 700 buildings shut down have already reopened after they were approved by inspectors

- According to a proposed new law, all preachers must have theological training before opening a church

- Penecostal churches, often run by charismatic preaches claiming to be able to perform miracles, have grown rapidly

- Church leaders have at times been criticised for using loud public address systems to attract worshippers

- 2/28/2018 - India denies involvement in Atwal affair

- Justin Trudeau faced criticism for Jaspal Atwal being invited to a dinner reception during the PM’s first official visit to India

- Mr Atwal, a Canadian citizen of Indian origin, was convicted of trying to assassinate an Indian minister in 1986

- He is accused of having been aligned at the time with a Sikh separatist group

- Mr Atwal’s invitation embarrassed the Canadian delegation, which had been trying to allay concerns it was too soft on separatists who support a Sikh independece movement

-The invitation to a dinner being hosted by Canada’s high commissioner was quickly revoked

- Trudeau publicly blamed the snafu on an MP from his party who extended the invite to Mr Atwal

-2/28/2018 - Venezuela opposition expels poll candidate

- Venezuela’s opposition has expelled former state governor Henri Falcón after he said he would stand agains President Nicolás Maduro in April’s election

- The Democratic Unity opposition coalition is boycotting the vote

- It said Henri Falcón was wrong to validate what it called a fraudulent electoral system

- Mr Falcón defended his decision, saying he wanted to defear a government that had “promised Venezuelans paradies, but given them hell”

- He said he offered “a government of national unity ... that can save us from the misery to which this incompetent government has taken us”

-2/28/2018 - Signal detected from ‘cosmic dawn’

- Scientists say they have observed a signature on the sky from the very first stars to shine in the Universe

- A small radio telescope in the Australian outback was tuned to detect the earliest evidence for hydrogen

- This hydrogen was in a state that could only be explained if it had been touched by the intense light of stars

- Scientists say that this interaction occured a mere 180 million years after the Big Bang with the cosmos being roughly 13.8 billion years old

-2/28/2018 - Russia’s Olympic membership restored by International Olympic Committee

- Russia was banned from February’s Games by the IOC over state-sponsored doping

- Despite the ban, 168 Russians competed as neutrals in South Korea, and two of them failed drug tests

- The IOC planned to reinstate Russia after the Games - so long as there were no more failed tests - and it says all remaining samples were negative

- The Russian Olympic Committee ‘s suspension has been lifted despite this

- The OAR was the third largest competing group and won 17 medals

-2/28/2018 - Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf defends immigration raid tip-off

- Federal officials say a California mayor’s “irrisponsible” tip-off about an immigration raid allowed more than 800 “criminal aliens” to evade capture

- Oakland leader Libby Schaaf has defended her warning to the public about the immigration agents’ swoop

- US Immigration and Customs Enforement agents said they were nevertheless able to detain 150 people.

- Mayor Schaaf said she had consulted with her legal team before issuing the weekend’s warning

# Visit days planned for university

BY TAEOR BOWER

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During several days this semester, interested students will be given the opportunity to join Mansfield University for a Visit Day.

The days scheduled for these events are February 19, March 2, and April 6. These events allow prospective students and their guests to determine if Mansfield University is where they desire to pursue their higher education.

The campus will be utilizing Lot D for parking, with events starting at 8:15 a.m., and running throughout the day. There will be tours, showing the class building, dormitories, dining hall, and the MU bookstore/Alumni Hall. The prospects will be introduced to faculty/staff and students, so make sure to give them a warm and friendly welcome.

## High school students visit campus

BY KIMBERLY SCULLY

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Sixty-five future Mounties and their guests toured Mansfield University's campus during a Visit Day event on February 19.

"We want to provide a general overview of the University and have the opportunity to show off the campus," Judith Brayer, Special Assistant to the President - Enrollment Services, said.

Mansfield Students are welcomed to welcome the future Mounties to the campus.

"It is important for MU students to be involved because we want to show potential students what Mansfield's environment is really like," Nicole Ortiz, Mountie Ambassador, said.

Throughout the day, prospective students went to various events such as the Admissions presentation, a campus tour, lunch at Manser Dining Hall, Department

Visit Days allow the interested students to feel the environment they would be learning in and how the student body fuels the university. Events like these also give the parents and guardians a chance to see the attitudes their students will be exposed to, while attending college. The visitors will be given the opportunity to have lunch in the Manser Dining Hall, allowing them to taste the food that will be included in their chosen dining plan, if attending the university in the Fall.

If you know of any interested students that may want to see the campus before making a final decision, make sure to tell them of the dates that are still available throughout this semester. For more information and/or a copy of the agenda, go to <https://admissions.mansfield.edu/visit-mansfield/visit-days.cfm>.

meetings, a student panel, and visiting the bookstore. Students also met with faculty from academic areas, learned about student life, and many other things.

"The counselors provide an informative presentation to outline the admissions process to come to Mansfield, what classes are like here and other important information," Ortiz said.

It is important for future students to visit campuses when selecting schools.

"It is so important for future students to visit a college campus to see exactly what is offered, talk with current students, check out the campus living choices and connect with their personal admissions counselor," Brayer said.

Besides visit days, Mansfield Admissions also holds Saturday preview days, bus trips, and overnight trips.

The next visit day events will be held on March 2 and April 6.

year for this event. The t-shirt must say "Mansfield University Student Veteran's Organization" and be tasteful. Due to Mansfield University policy, firearms are not to be included in the design. Submit a hard copy to Alumni 138 (The Student Veteran's Lounge) or submit an electronic copy via email at [musvo@mansfield.edu](mailto:musvo@mansfield.edu) by the end of the day March 5 to have your design considered. If your design is selected, you will win a \$25 gift card to Sheetz.

# Preventing the flu at school

BY TAEOR BOWER AND REBECCA RAYMOND

FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTORS

As winter winds down and classes move forward, the university is warning students to take hygiene precautions to stop the spread of the flu.

The virus has spread quickly throughout the community this season and there are several ways to prevent further spreading. If you do end up catching the virus the campus' Health Clinic, on the ground floor of Spruce Resident Hall, is open to all students and can be contacted at (570) 662-4350.

There are several steps you can take in preventing beginning to aid in the prevention of the spreading of the flu virus. First, and probably most importantly, if you are sick it is best to stay home. Notify your professors and get plenty of rest, fluids, and pain/fever reducers. This will lessen the likelihood that the virus will spread to more campus officials and students.

When coughing and/or sneezing it is important that you cover your nose and mouth, to stop the spread of germs. It is also a good idea to keep tissues available at all times for you and peers who may need one. You should also try to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth because they are the quickest routes to infection.

Make sure to wash your hands frequently, using soap and water. Also, it may be smart to carry a small bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you for when soap and water are not available. Disinfect all "High Touch Areas" like faucets, doorknobs, light switches, and appliances. Using disinfectant wipes is a great way to make sure your dorm room is not one of the factors in the spreading of the virus.

These small acts of healthy hygiene will lessen the risk of the flu virus spreading, but the easiest way to help stay healthy is to regularly exercise, eat healthy, and get plenty of rest. For more information, or if you have questions, contact the MU safety office at (570) 662-4906 or [jwelch@mnsfield.edu](mailto:jwelch@mnsfield.edu).

## Students go skating

BY EMILY TRACY

FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

On Monday, February 19, Kelchner Fitness Center's gym floor was a whirlpool of college students, high schoolers, and children all circling the gym floor together.

Most of the skaters came representing their best neon colors and high ponytails to fit with the night's theme, "Back to the Eighties". The music followed the example of the well-dressed participants with songs like 'Love Shack', 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun', and 'Africa'. The glow stick necklaces and bracelets sported by the skaters lit up the gymnasium, making it feel more like a party with every pass around the floor.

All types of skaters could be found Monday night on the ground floor of KFC. Couples held hands and held each other up, or picked one another up after falling. Groups of

friends raced around the track while dancing, and some spent the whole night practicing on their skates, moving from the benches that line the floor to skating with their friends.

There were students who skated backwards, and others that fell backwards. Friends helped each other up after falling or pulled their phones out to take videos or photos of their fallen or still learning comrades.

"I loved this," Rachel Lehman, a junior, said. "I will be back tomorrow night and that's a promise."

"The gym should do this one night every week," Veronica Phillip, a sophomore, said. "So many students are here and they are all having so much fun."

The gym was filled with eighties hits and the laughter of skaters until 11 p.m. that night.

## Veterans organization calls for submissions con't

# North Hall prizes will be awarded

BY TE'WUAN THORNE  
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The North Hall Prize 2017 is preparing to choose its winning papers.

The entry period for The North Hall Prize ended on February 14, and has received twenty-three entries in this years contest. The reward committee judges will be meeting to read through the entries over spring break and will announce their decision after the break. The students with the winning reserch papers will receive a check for \$150 dollars and an official certificate at the academic honors ceremony on April 9 in Steadman Theatre. The North Hall Prize is a contest that calls for the best research papers from the student body of Mansfield University. The judges of the reward committee will be marking papers on orginality, scholarship, writing, research skills and faculty recommendation.

There are two catagories in the contest: Short papers that are five to nine pages; which had seven entries this year and long papers that are ten or more pages; which had sixteen entries. For any class that a student had to do a research paper for, the professor has the ability to nominate them. The \$150 dollar prize money and certificate are awarded to the winner in each catagory and the winners are

also given the chance to have an honorable mention, who will receive a certificate.

The reward committee consists of four faculty members: Fran Garrison (Library Rep.), Lynn Pifer (Humanities Rep.), Jeanne Kagle (Sciences Rep.) and Timothy Madigan (Social Sciences Rep.).

“It’s interesting you get papers from all over and we want to reward good research and good writing.” Said Garrison.

The entries this year came from students in ten different departments: Honors (1), Music (1), English (5), History (5), Communications (5), Biology (3), Psychology (3), Nursing (1) and Criminal Justce (1).

Last year both winners were English majors and the honorable mention belonged to the Biology department.

“The papers vary as far as winning subjects, some of the English ones are about particular literature,” Garrison said. “[There] are always a couple from history that are on the Holocaust.”

The North Hall Prize was started by the retired library faculty member, Matt Surret in 2009. For more information go to <http://lib.mansfield.edu/info/prize> where you can find the rules and the names of the previous winners and their papers.

# Apply for returning student scholarships

BY KIMBERLY SCULLY  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Returning students for the 2018-2019 school year can apply for academic and need-based scholarships until March 31.

“Students are able to apply online through their My.Mansfield accounts. There is a Returning Student Scholarship link. It asks for demographic, academic, and extra-curricular information” Denise Davey, Enrollment Services Representative, said. Additional applications can be found on the Financial Aid webpage.

“The number of scholarships awarded is based on the funding available each academic year so it varies from year to year” Davies said. The Financial Aid webpage has a full list of all the scholarships being offered for this semester.

There are a variety of different scholarships. Some of the ones that are being given out are Alumni Memorial, Hendricks ’79 H2S, Manning Athletic, Place Barnes

Nursing, and Psychology.

Funding for the scholarship depends on the fundraising, market, and donor gifts given to each one every year.

“Some have more stringent criteria than others. The application helps to decide on potential recipients based on the information provided,” Davey said. Requirements can range from GPA, major, credits earned, awards and achievements, needs based on FAFSA information among others.

“Scholarships help to decrease the amount of loans you will have to pay back while also rewarding a student for academic success,” Davey said.

# Food pantry gets a makeover

The Mansfield University Food Pantry has a new name and a new location.

The MU Campus Cupboard, now located in Alumni Hall, Room 116, was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Wednesday, February 14.

“We felt the name change was necessary because we don’t just provide food,” Social Work (SWK) Club President Eric Grant said. “We have personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies and other items for students who may be in need.”

“The new location gives us much more space for storage and we also now have two refrigerators, which will allow us to offer items that are perishable,” SWK Club Advisor and Department of Social Work Chair Tiffany Welch said.

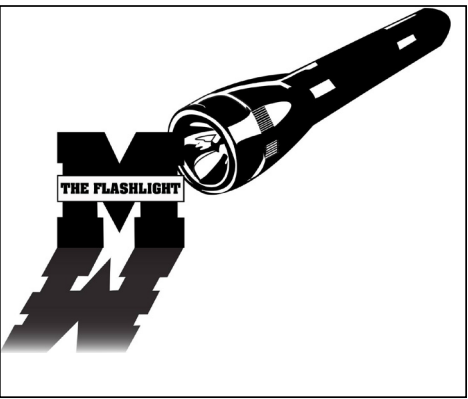
Responding to a need for some of its students identified by a committee that was formed to address food insecurity across campus, the MU Campus Cupboard opened in the fall semester. Students can make use of the Cupboard and all it offers no questions asked.

The MU Campus Cupboard is currently open on Mondays from 1-5 p.m. The plan is to expand the hours as needed.

The effort is organized by the SWK Club.

“It is heartwarming to be involved in a service to our students that is clearly a community effort. We have had so much support in the form of donations from students, faculty, staff, and even the greater community from agencies and organizations such as PSECU, the local VFW, Northwest Savings bank as well as some other campus organizations such as campus ministries and the women’s center,” welch said. “We are truly blessed”

Anyone interested in donating food, other products or money to the Campus Cupboard can email [foodpantry@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:foodpantry@mounties.mansfield.edu)



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# Current and alumni wind ensemble members perform together

BY ZOE ESPERSETH  
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Over eighty Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble alumni returned to campus for a weekend to perform with current Concert Wind Ensemble members.

Alumnus included members from the classes of 1978 through 2017, some of whom graduated to become music educators as well as other musical professionals.

The theme of the concert was a tribute to Dr. Donald Stanley, who was a director of the wind ensemble and the music department chair before his retirement in 1992. He passed away on November 23, 2016. In honor of Dr. Stanley, Dr. Brennan debuted his new original compositions, which are comprised of five movements inspired by memories of Dr. Stanley.

The concert began at 2:30 and was free to Mansfield University students with valid student I.D. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children.

Along with Dr. Brennan’s original work, dedicated to the memory of Donald Stanley, returning alumni chose their own selections to play, as did current CWE members. The

two groups then combined to perform. All groups combined came to approximately 124 performers on stage.

The Great Lakes Wind Symphony, one of few professional wind-bands in the country, also performed a concert at Mansfield on Saturday, February 17.

This ensemble was founded by Mansfield University professor Adam Brennan and his business partner, Ryan Pritchard. A windband is an ensemble that contains no string instruments. This wind-band is based at the Kodak Center for Performing Arts in Rochester, New York, and consists of over fifty professional musicians. Their first concert debuted on December 27, 2014.

Dr. Adam Brennan has been working at Mansfield University since 1995, performing many valuable services to the University. This includes administrating the band program, conducting the Concert Wind Ensemble and directing the Mansfield marching band, which is known as The Spirit and Pride of Pennsylvania. Dr. Brennan also worked as associate director of bands at Western Illinois University and Director of Bands at Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, Illinois.

# Mansfield University honored by governor’s administration

Pennsylvania Secretary of Banking and Securities Robin L. Wiessmann today commended students from 12 Pennsylvania colleges and universities who will be competing in the 2018 Conference of State Banking Supervisors (CSBS) Community Bank Case Study Competition.

The Community Bank Case Study Competition is open to undergraduate students in all fields of study as an opportunity to gain valuable first-hand knowledge of the banking industry. This year, each student team will develop an original case study that evaluates how their local community bank is using technology within day-to-day operations.

“As the financial services sector of our economy evolves because of changing consumer demands and technological innovation, the need to engage the rising generation’s interest in working in finance has become paramount,” said Wiessmann.

“Last year, four Pennsylvania schools entered this competition. I am excited to see the large increase of Pennsylvania colleges and universities choosing to compete on a national stage, as well as the number of state-chartered banks participating. We are cheering them on as they compete for this year’s prize.”

Twelve of the 47 institutions entered in the competition are from colleges and universities within the commonwealth:

- Ursinus College (Collegeville, Montgomery County), working with Victory Bank
- Grove City College (Grove City, Mercer County), working with Mars Bank
- Immaculata University (Malvern, Chester County), working with First Resource Bank
- Mansfield University (Mansfield, Tioga County), working with Citizens & Northern Bank

# Intercollegiate band festival concert performed in Steadman

BY DANIELLE SMITH  
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Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival’s 71st annual concert took place this past Sunday February 25, 2018 in Steadman Theatre.

The concert was mainly conducted by guest conductor Dr. Mark D. Camphouse. The program started with welcoming remarks from Mansfield University’s Interim President Mr. Scott H.W. Barton and PCBA President Dr. Joseph Pisano of Grove City College.

The National Anthem was led by Mr. Jeffrey A. Tylutki, co-host from Keystone College and The Pledge of Allegiance led by co-host Dr. Adam F. Brennan from Mansfield University.

Dr. Camphouse conducted pieces that included; Variations on America (Charles Ives), Salvation is Created (Pavel Tchesnokoff arr. By Houseknecht), In Memorium (Mark Camphouse), Symphonic Dance No. 3 “Fiesta” (Clifton Williams), and A Movement for Rosa (Mark Camphouse), Dance of the Jesters (Tchaikovsky arranged by Ray Cramer).

Remarks and Presentations was led by Professor Paul Gerlach, the Resolutions Committee Chair from Carnegie Mellon University.

Instruments present were; piccolo, flute one and two, oboe one and two, English horn, Eb clarinet, Bb clarinet, Bb clarinet two, Bb clarinet three, bass clarinet, contra bass clarinet, bassoon one and two, contra

bassoon, alto saxophone one and two, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, horn one, two, three, and four, trumpet one, two, and three, trombone one, two, three, and four, euphonium, tuba, percussion and piano.

Mansfield University has hosted five times, and seventeen students who participated this year attend Mansfield University.

Students and directors from Albright College (Timothy Gross), Alleghany College (Lowell Hepler and Ronald Stitt), Alvernia University (James Seidel), Bucknell University (William Kenny), California University of PA (Frank Stetar), Carnegie Mellon University (Paul D. Gerlack), Clarion University (Casey Teske), East Stroudsburg University (Vincent LaRusso), Edinboro University (Chuck Lute), Grove City College (Joseph M. Pisano), Juniata College (James Latten), Keystone College (Jeffrey A. Tylutki), Kutztown University (Daniel Neuenschwander), Lycoming College (William Ciabattari), Mansfield University (Adam F. Brennan and Nathan Rinnert), Marywood University (R. David Romines), Mercyhurst University (Robert K. Reid), Millersville University (Keith Wiley), The University of Scranton (Cheryl Boga), Shippensburg University (Trevor R. Famulare), Thiel College (Andrew S. Erb), Wayneburg University (Ronda DePriest), West Chester University (Greg Martin and Andrew Yozviak), Westminster College (R. Tad Greig), and Wilkes University (Phillip G. Simon) all participated in the concert.

- Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, Westmoreland County), working with Somerset Trust
- Kutztown University (Kutztown, Berks County), working with Customers Bancorp and New Tripoli Bank
- California University of Pennsylvania (California, Washington County), working with Washington Financial
- York College of Pennsylvania (York, York County), working with Fulton Bank
- Penn State Harrisburg (Middletown, Dauphin County), working with Fulton Bank
- University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Johnstown, Cambria County), working with Somerset Trust
- Alvernia University (Reading, Berks County), working with Tompkins VIST Bank
- East Stroudsburg University (East Stroudsburg, Monroe County), working with Mauch Chunk Trust

Pennsylvania has more schools represented than any other state in the competition.

The student teams are competing for an academic scholarship, a chance for to get their work published in an academic journal and an opportunity to attend the sixth annual CSBS-Federal Reserve Community Banking Research Conference, held in St Louis this October. The top three scoring teams will be announced this spring. For more information on the 2018 Community Bank Case Study Competition, visit [www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy](http://www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy).

Anyone can contact the Department of Banking and Securities at 1-800-PA-BANKS. Members of the public are also invited to connect to the department through Facebook and Twitter, or subscribing to the department’s newsletter.

# Don't stress over midterms

BY OLIVIA MOATS  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

It is the second most stressful time of the semester: midterms. This is when people start pulling all-nighters and realizing that their grades might not be where they want them. However, all that stress is not good for a person's health, and will cause problems that could be difficult to fix.

When a body is exposed to high levels of stress - such as not sleeping to study for an exam - it releases a hormone called cortisol. This hormone is responsible for increasing blood glucose levels by breaking down fat and muscle into glucose to be used by the body. When it does this it makes the body less sensitive to insulin, which is responsible for storing this glucose to be used later. Because of this function of cortisol, constantly having elevated levels of it present can result in diabetes.

Another job of cortisol in the body is to block immune response. Since it is the fightorflight hormone, it doesn't allow the body to deal with

a virus or bacteria that is trying to cause disease. When this happens, the body becomes more likely to get sick. That is why when people don't sleep for extended periods of time, or when they are constantly worrying about something, they end up getting a cold.

Cortisol has the ability to constrict blood vessels and that, along with the hormone adrenaline which increases heart rate, causes the heart to pump harder to get the blood throughout the body. If this continues it puts people at a higher risk for vessel damage and plaque build-up, eventually leading to a heart attack.

Being continuously stressed can cause other health issues such as insomnia and depression, though all of these symptoms can be reduced with stress management practices. Everyone should figure out for themselves what works best to safely and healthfully combat stress. It could be doing yoga, drawing, or going to the gym. Healthy stress management is one of the best practices to make a habit, especially around testing season.



Photo Courtesy of Terry Day

# West Side Story will be performed at university

Mansfield University will present West Side Story on March 1-4 at Straughn Hall.

This is the triumphant legendary story, where love transcends language, time, and place. While Manhattan's west side rumbles with the clash of Jets and Sharks, Maria and Tony seek "a somewhere" their romance can thrive. In their revolutionary work that changed the course of the American musical.

The show was based on a conception of Jerome Robbins with Leonard Bernstein (music), Stephen Sondheim (lyrics) and Arthur Laurents (book) bringing their award-winning genius to the immortal story

of star-crossed lovers caught in a turf war of rival ethnic gangs.

Seventy-two Mansfield University students, representing 15 majors on campus, will participate in the production as cast, crew and orchestra members. The cast includes Kyle Cannon (Music Performance, junior) as Tony, Shannon Pizzirusso (Music Education, sophomore) as Maria, Tatyana Valentine (Business Administration, freshman) as Anita, Ben Eisenhour (Music Technology, senior) as Bernardo and Robert Flora (Music Education, junior) as Riff.

Music and stage direction are by Professor Sheryl Monkelién, 1993 MU graduate Peter Davis is

responsible for stage direction and scenic design, with choreography by 2011 graduate Jocelyn Mullins and Brady Bennett (B.A. Music, sophomore).

Performances will be Thursday, March 1, Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. They can be purchased online at [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu) or at the door one hour before performances. MU students with valid ID will be admitted free.

The production is funded in part through student activity fees.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 - West Side Story in Straughn Auditorium 2:30-4pm (ET) - MU Jazz Ensemble Concert in Steadman Theater 7:30-9pm	5	6 - ShamRock and Roll in Oak Multipurpose Room 6-8pm - Team Trivia Night at The Hut 9-10:30pm (ET)	7 - Good Eats in Oak Kitchen 7-8pm (ET) - Open Mic Night at The Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	8 - Be Your Own DJ in Oak Multipurpose Room 6-8pm (ET) - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	9	10
11	12 - Spring Break	13 - Spring Break - Team Trivia Night at The Hut 9-10:30pm (ET)	14 - Spring Break - Open Mic Night at The Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	15 - Spring Break - Jam Sessions at the Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	16 - Spring Break	17

# RA teaches students how to make lava lamps

BY NATALIA COLES  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Resident Assistant (RA) Gregoire Karcy (Greg), held a Lava Lamp Event for the residents of Oak Hall last Friday from 8 pm-9pm.

“We have a lot of people in their dorms saying they’re bored, so I held this event for them to have something to do,” said Greg. Other than a DIY project, there was also refreshments at the event for the residents to enjoy. Ingredients for the lava lamps included vegetable oil, Alka Seltzer, glitter, and food coloring. Inspired a past high school chemistry project, Greg thought it would be an easy activity for the residents.

RAs are required to host at least 4 events for

the residents in their hall each semester with a budget of \$250. Each event must coincide with the beliefs of the Mansfield University creed, which includes points such as Character, Scholarship, Culture, and Service.

For future events Greg is planning on a “Good Eats” event that’s date is to be determined. For this event he hopes to have students of different cultures prepare different dishes for other in the resident hall to try. There will also be a Mario Kart event that he will be co-hosting with another RA from Oak Hall.

For other events located around campus, students are advised to check around their dorms for fliers, pamphlets and any more information.

# Kelchner holds community skating event

BY CASEY BLAIR  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Rocking on Roller Skates was a wonderful way to start the week for many students and community members during the Kelchner Fitness Center’s annual roller skating event.

The event lasted from February 18-20 and all Mansfield university students and faculty, as well as community members, were invited to attend. Skaters had their choice of either the traditional roller skate or the newer inline roller blade.

Sunday’s event took place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and was family fun themed. Many families took the opportunity to get out of the house on a wintry Sunday and take part in some time together. Parents were seen teaching their children how to skate, and some put skates on themselves.

On Monday, the roller skating theme was eighties disco. Eighties genre music blasted throughout the gym, and several roller skaters

were dressed in their best disco garb. The event occurred from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., on the basketball gym floor on the first level of the KFC. There were approximately 95 people in attendance on Monday night, almost double of the previous night.

Tuesday night the theme was game night, mixed with a free skate. Several games were played throughout the night such as, the corner game and the reversal game, among others. Winners of the group games were awarded prizes sponsored by PSECU, the university’s on campus credit union. PSECU also handed out water bottles and other goodies to the skaters.

KFC is directed by Amy DeLozier and her assistant, Mike Stamp. The fitness center’s hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There are also a large number of fitness classes offered throughout the week.

# Professor named finalist for voice prize

Alissa Rose, associate professor of Voice at Mansfield University, has been named a finalist for The American Prize for Women in Art Song & Oratorio, 2017-18: The Friedrich & Virginia Schorr Memorial Award.

The American Prize is a series of non-profit national competitions in the performing arts unique in scope and structure, providing cash awards, professional adjudication and regional, national and international

recognition.

Each year, the best recorded performances by individual artists and ensembles in the U.S. at the professional, community/amateur, college, university, church and school levels are honored. Winners will be announced later this spring.

All but one of the songs used for Rose’s nomination were recorded in concerts here at MU. To see her performances, go

# Managing student loans

BY NATALIA COLES  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Pennsylvania’s State Employees Credit Union and the Office of Financial Aid share a tip on how to better manage student loan refunds.

Beginning next week, Mansfield University’s Office of Financial Aid will begin sending out student loan refund checks. These refund checks [consist of] money from a loan payment funded to a student’s account for tuition; however, if a student receives a refund, it is money they will have to pay back when they graduate.

PSECU and the Office of Financial Aid both agree that when it comes to the distribution of these student loan checks it is NOT free money.

“A student has two options when they receive a student loan check: give the money back or use it for school related expenses,” said Dave Sikorski. “It is important to stress to students that this money will have to be paid back six months after they graduate. If they need it for personal expenses, such as paying

for a car, or rent, then they have that option.” If a student is in need of the money and has a PSECU account, then they will be able to cash or deposit their check immediately using the PSECU ATM on campus or use the mobile app.

However, if a student does not need the money from their refund check, they can give the money back and have the total amount of their loan reduced. This would detract from the original balance of the student loan: So, if a student had a \$5,000 loan, but only needed \$4,500, and received a \$500 check, they can choose to give the money back, making the new balance of their loan \$4,500. Returned checks can be given to Student Accounts for processing.

“Though it seems like free money, you will eventually end up paying it back,” said an Office of Financial Aid representative. “It may be easy to blow a \$4,000 refund check because it’s immediately available, but students often forget that that money will end up coming out of their pockets later.”

# Taking the polar plunge

Ten Mansfield University students joined Department of Psychology Chair Gretchen Sechrist and her husband, Randy Murray, in the Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 17.

Katlyn Lutchko, Cross Kantz, Nissa Fuller, Samantha Eckrich, Aryn Hedrick, Casandra Walters, Jessica Philippi, Tanarah Duncan-Washington, Essence Gordon and Nico Alejandro, along with Secrist and Murray, were among those who jumped into the icy cold waters of the Delaware River at Scott Park in Easton, PA to raise money for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics.

The event, one of nine held across the Commonwealth, raised more than \$100,000. It also creates awareness for the programs

Special Olympics has to offer.

“Thank you to the students and my husband for plunging into the cold water with me,” Sechrist said. “Thank you to my sister, Amanda Sechrist, for all she does to support Special Olympics and a big thank you to First Citizens Community Bank and Walmart in Mansfield for sponsoring us.”

Sechrist’s sister, Amanda, is manager of Northampton County Special Olympics.

To see more pictures from the Polar Plunge, go the MU Department of Psychology Department Facebook page at [facebook.com/MansfieldPsychology/](https://facebook.com/MansfieldPsychology/)

For more information about the Polar Plunge, go to [specialolympicspa.org/about-lehigh-valley-plunge](https://specialolympicspa.org/about-lehigh-valley-plunge)

to [wp.alissarose.net/recordings-for-the-american-prize](https://wp.alissarose.net/recordings-for-the-american-prize)

Peggy Dettwiler, director of Choral Activities at Mansfield, was selected as an Honored Artist of The American Prize in 2016.

The MU Concert Choir won The American Prize in 2011 and was also a finalist in 2015.



## Men and women’s basketball teams play the Huskies

BY CASEY BLAIR  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

A rainy Wednesday ended with a night of basketball games. The men and women’s basketball teams played the Bloomsburg Huskies in Decker Gymnasium. As the final home game of the season, Mountie players aimed to leave it all on the court one last time. The first game started at 5:30 p.m. with the women’s basketball game. The Mounties began aggressively, but the game soon turned in a back and forth game between the two teams. During the second half Bloomsburg increased their shooting percentage by fifteen percent, which allowed the Huskies to pull away with the win. Some high point shooters were: Alyssa Mullins, eleven points; Mary Kate Rumbaugh, seven points; Paige Whitfield, seven points; Melanie Taylor, three points and five assists. The final score of the game was 44-62. The men’s game began at 7:30 p.m. The Mounties played a tough first half and gained a twenty point lead by half time. In

the second half the Huskies were able to reverse the deficit, and ended up winning 73-74. The Huskies scored a large number of points towards the end of the game which left the Mounties no time to counter them. High scorers include: Malik Carter, twenty-two points; Matt Tamanosky, fifteen points; Tyler Moffe, nine points; Jeremiah Worthem, nineteen points and ten rebounds. A special ceremony honoring Owen Lukens, this year’s recipient of the Steve McCloskey Service Award, was also held. The award is given in honor of Steve McCloskey, who retired last spring after being the Sports Information Director for many years. The recipient must possess the Mansfield University spirit, and have been active in the community by raising awareness for individuals with disabilities. In the fall Lukens was on the Dean’s list, and will be graduating with a degree in communications. The men and women’s basketball team travelled to Cheyney for their next game and still have several more games scheduled to play.

## Students get personal best times at track and field championships

Kenzie Jones hit a pair of personal bests to lead Mansfield track & field on the second day of the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championships hosted by Edinboro. Jones made the podium in both of her events, finishing fourth in the mile at 5:09.97 and seventh in the 3,000m at 10:14.36. The senior was seeded fifth in the mile and 11th in the 3,000m before today’s races. Quincy Amabile landed in the top ten with a personal best in the men’s mile on day two of competition. Amabile’s mark of 4:27.51 was .27 off of his previous record time and good for ninth place overall. Chris Carlsen leaped to 11th place in the men’s triple jump at a distance of 12.68m. Shippensburg swept the team championships winning both the men’s and women’s titles.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 -Men’s Basketball PSAC Championship (East Hosts) All Day (ET) -Women’s Basketball PSAC Championship (West Hosts) All Day (ET)	5	6	7	8	9 -Softball Mountaineers vs. Queens University of Charlotte 12:30pm (ET) Cary, NC -Softball Mountaineers vs. West Virginia State University 3pm (ET) Cary, NC	10 -Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Mountaineers ve. Coastal Carolina Invitational All day (ET) Conway, SC -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Rockhurst University 2pm (ET) Kissimmee, FL
11 -Softball Mountaineers vs. Lincoln College 11am (ET) Cary, NC -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Northwood University 6:30PM (ET) Kissimmee, FL	12 Baseball Mountainees vs. Slippery Rock University 3pm (ET) Kissimmee, FL	13 -Softball Mountaineers vs. St. Augustine’s University 12 and 1 pm (ET) -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Pace University 2:30 Kissimmee, FL	14 -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Northwood University 10:30am (ET) Kissimmee, FL -Softball Mountaineers vs. Chowan University 1 and 3pm (ET) Mureesboro, NC	15 -Baseeball Mountaineers vs. Slippery Rock University 2:30pm (ET) Kissimmee, FL	16 -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Wayne State University 10:30am (ET) Kissimmee, FL	17 -Men’s and Women’s and Field Mountaineers vs. Shamrock Invitational All day (ET) Conway, SC -Softball Mountaineers vs. Davis &Elkins College 11am and 1pm Elkins, WV

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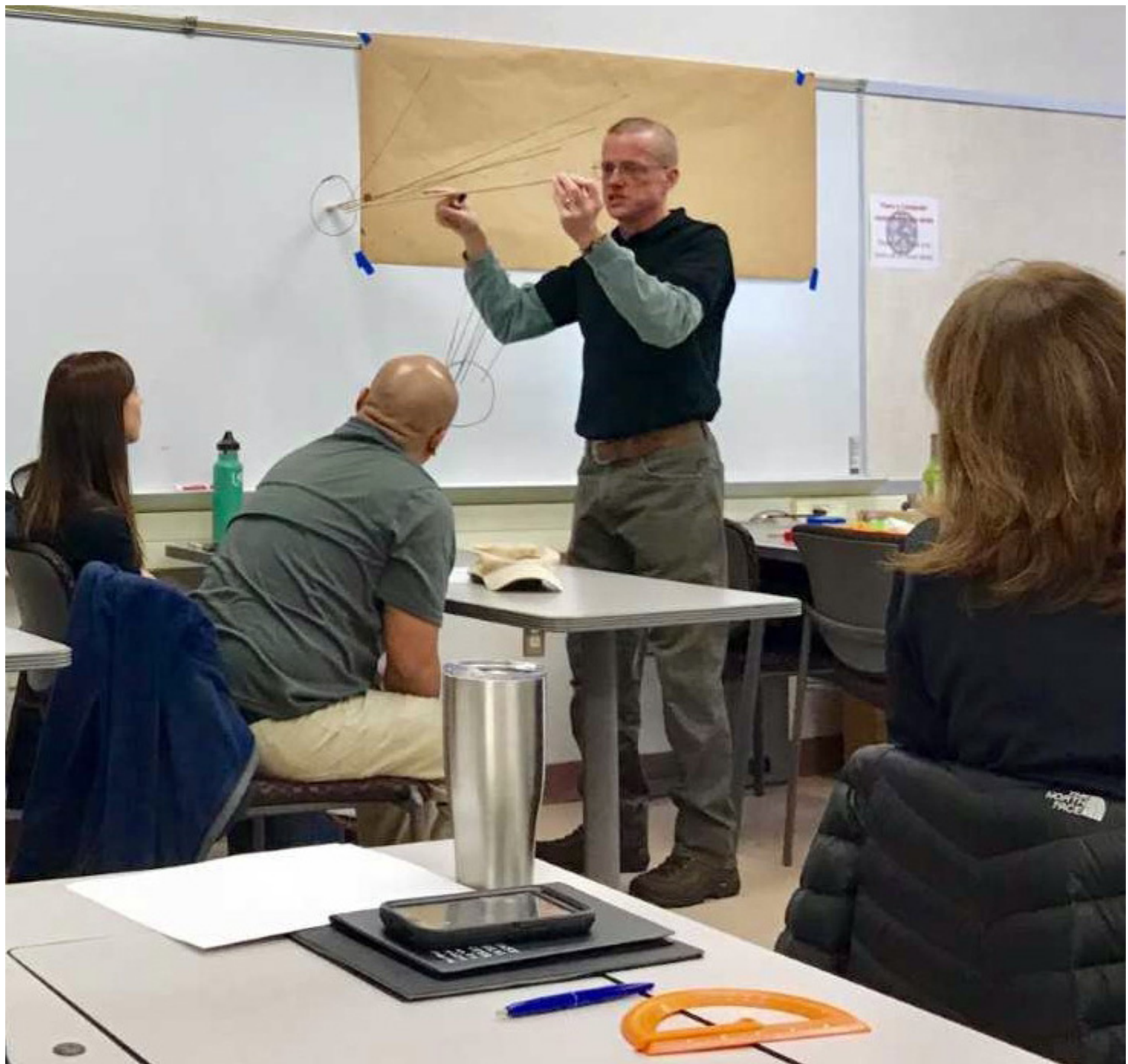


Photo courtesy of Terry Day

Mark Thompson teaching FBI Evidence Response Team members in Buffalo, NY

## **Chemistry professor teaches FBI agents about blood spatter**

Mark Thompson, instructor in the Departments of Chemistry and Physics and Criminal Justice Administration at Mansfield University, provided training to 16 members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Evidence Response Team (ERT) in Buffalo,

NY on March 16.

Thompson's training focused on the recognition, interpretation, and documentation of blood spatter evidence. The ERT is the primary crime scene response unit for the FBI.

Thompson is a retired Special Agent of the FBI and served for 17 years as a member of the ERT.

To learn more about studying Chemistry and Physics at MU, go to [mansfield.edu/chemistry-physics/](http://mansfield.edu/chemistry-physics/)


To learn more about studying

Criminal Justice Administration, go to [cja.mansfield.edu](http://cja.mansfield.edu)



Weekly Weather


Saturday



Mostly Cloudy

High:41 Low:22


Sunday



Cloudy

High:42 Low:24


Monday



Mostly Sunny

High:45 Low:26


Tuesday



Partly Cloudy

High:49 Low:34


Wednesday



Cloudy

High:50 Low:35


Thursday



Showers

High:52 Low:35

Friday



Showers

High:51 Low:34

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POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

- 2/14/18 - At approximately 2:02pm , the station received a complaint for marijuana found in Spruce room 143. The room belonged to former student Shalique Hearn and residence life was in the process of cleaning the room, when the marijuana was found. Shalique was charged with misdemeanor possession of a small amount of marijuana and Judicially referred.

- 2/22/18 - A person or persons took a red metal sign from Shaute Baseball Field between 2/10/2018 and 2/22/2018. The sign is red in color and the words “Shaute Field” are printed on it. Anyone with information is asked to contact University Police at 662-4900.


- 2/28/18 - At 9:10 pm , MU Police responded to a report of an Drug Law Violation. Upon arrival it was found that Essence Gordon and Tamarah Duncan-Washington had been smoking marijuana in their dorm room. Both parties were referred to Residence Life.

- 3/1/18 between 1pm and 3pm, unknown person(s) removed 4 articles of clothes from a dryer on the 2nd floor of Oak. Total value is \$10.00. Anyone with any information is asked to contact campus police at 570-662-4900.

- 3/5/18 - At approximately 1:35pm, the station received a complaint of a sexual assault. The victim reported that the assault took place in her dorm room. This case is under investigation.

- 3/20/2018 - M.U.P.D. had received several reports of theft of clothing from the laundry rooms in OAK. Upon further investigation by police along with the assistance of the Residence Life Staff from OAK. The items were discovered at Oak Room 450. Ryan Kachmar will be charged with theft of moveable property and receiving stolen property, he will also be judicially referred.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of bbc.com

- 3/21/18 - Facebook’s Zuckerberg admits mistakes over Cambridge Analytica

- Millions of users had their data exploited by a political consultancy

- Mark Zuckerberg stated that a “breach of trust” occurred

- Mark Zuckerberg vows to restore confidence in Facebook and pledges to conduct an audit into apps that appear suspicious

- 3/21/18 - Africa agrees deal for Continental Free Trade Area

- 44 of 54 countries signed a deal to create one of the world’s largest free trade blocs

- Trade deal was signed at a summit in the Rwandan capital Kigali

- The free trade deal is intended to increase prosperity for the continent.

- The trade deal aims to remove barriers such as tariffs and import quotas allowing for a free flow of goods throughout Africa.

- The trade deal also seeks to increase trade between African countries which only accounts for 10% of the continent’s total trade

- Africa’s country with the largest economy, Nigeria has not signed the trade deal

- 3/21/18 - Pedro Pablo Kuczynski: Under fire Peru president resigns

- President Kuczynski resigns over a scandal in which he is accused of buying votes

- President Kuczynski denies any wrongdoing but stated that he doesn’t wish to be an obstacle in the development of the country

- Kuczynski who is 79 survived a separate impeachment attempt back in December

- His political opponents want to remove him for recieving illegal payments from a Brazilian constuction company known as Odebrecht

- Kuczynski accused his opponents of trying to stage a coup

- 3/21/18 - Trump set to announce China sanctions after IP probe

- Trump announced sanctions against China after his administration determine that China is encouraging the theft of intellectual property

- The White House said that this is the result after years of talks failed to produce any change

- The White House is reported to be considering between thirty billion and sixty billion dollars in tarrifs as well as measure to restrict investments

- The US may bring complaints to the World Trade Organisation

- America’s top trade negotiator Robert Lighthizer said that “protecting intellectual pyroperty is critical to the US economy”

- 3/20/18 - Syria war: Dozens killed as rockets hit Damascus market

- At least 35 civilians have been killed in a market in a government-held district in Damascus

- Police stated that the rocket came from besieged rebels in the Eastern Ghouta region

- Rebels have increased artillery attacks since pro-government forces launched a major air and ground assault a month ago

- Intense bonbardment by the Syrian Military left 1,400 dead and led 50,000 others to flee the region

- The UN aid agencies expressed alarm at the massive displacement of civilians from Eastern Ghouta and warned that their health is poor



# University offers exam to undergraduate students

BY NATALIA COLES  
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Mansfield University will be offering the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

Students who wish to take the exam on this date must be registered before March 13, 2018. While there is an online version of the test, the university offers a paper-based version. These examinations are available to students who are approaching the end of their undergraduate career. The GREs are a requirement for many universities when students wish to enter the Master's program. Registration for the GREs must be done a month and one day in advance. For registration students must go to ETS.org (Educational Testing Service), click on GRE, and follow the prompts. While on the website, students may also be able to find a study guide to help them practice for their exam.

Mansfield University offers the exams as a convenience to their students, and others

in the surrounding area, whom would have to travel approximately two hours to take the test in another location. However, only about a half dozen students take advantage of the exam. While it is not clear how many Master's programs require their students to have completed the exam, the exam does cover a variety of subjects: Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Literature in English, Mathematics, Psychology, and Physics.

For students who decide to complete the GRE, there is an overview of what each subject's exam will cover. There is also a practice book students are able to download at the bottom of the overview. Students are allowed to take the exam multiple times if they are unhappy with their original score. Also, students are provided with three test scores, allowing them to choose which scores to send in. A complete list of schools that require the GRE is available on ETS.org, under the GRE tab, underneath "about the test".

## Peer education program begins this semester

BY TE'WUAN THORNE  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Mansfield University began a peer education training program this semester.

In January, the following students were selected through the work-study program to become certified peer educators. Te'wuan Thorne (Senior - Psychology), Catherine Tamac (Sophomore - Bio-forensics), Micha Maxton (Sophomore - Accounting), Emily Lukins (Sophomore - Nursing). The students participated in a 12-hour training session at Bloomsburg University. There they learned various skills in Listening skills, Communications, Program development, Branding and marketing, Brainstorming and idea sharing, Bystander intervention skills, Ethics and decision making and Team building.

"In the beginning of the Spring semester I was notified by Bloomsburg [University] about their drug and alcohol peer educator training," Education Community Conduct Officer Mrs. Mary-Beth Kollar said. "Students who participated in that training would have receive official NASPA certification as a peer educator."

Additional students who have joined the group since then are Jarred Kowalski (Freshmen - Social Work) and Emerald Hamilton (Sophomore - Psychology). Their purpose is to educate and be a resource for their fellow students at Mansfield. Some programs will be held in Lower Manser and Alumni Hall. These programs will focus on the use of various drugs and alcohol, as well as other subjects pertaining specifically to student's lives.

## Mansfield Concert Choir to Host York County Junior Honors Choir

The Mansfield University Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, will host the York County Junior Honors Choir for a day long visit on Friday, March 23.

The day will culminate with a joint concert by the two choirs at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

York County Junior Honors Choir is comprised of 100 select singers in grades seven, eight and nine from 21 public and private

school districts, homeschools, churches, and voice studios of York County, PA.

Under the direction of Donna Knott, the group has been invited to perform in Heinz Chapel, the Naval Academy Chapel, New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., American Choral Directors Eastern Division and State Conferences, and the Pennsylvania Music Educators State Conference.

The Mansfield University Concert Choir is a highly select ensemble of singers,

## Mansfield University will celebrate alumni weekend over the summer

Alumni will return to Mansfield University on June 7-10 to renew acquaintances, make new friends, and take part in a wide variety of activities during Alumni Weekend 2018.

"Alumni Weekend at MU has historically been a well-attended gathering of alumni, family, and friends," Director of Alumni Relations Casey Wood '02 said. "Growing and enhancing traditional program favorites, while integrating new choices, was our goal for 2018."

The Delta Zeta alumni group will host the Alumni Weekend 2018 Welcome on Thursday, June 7, at the Water Tower. The outdoor welcome event is open to all alumni and pre-registration is required. This year, the class of 1968, celebrating its 50th anniversary, and the 2018 Society of Honors recipients will be recognized during a special alumni luncheon.

Linda (Etter) Long '65 will be the featured alumni speaker. Long is an internationally recognized and award-winning author and photographer. She is the acclaimed photographer for the New York Times best-seller, *The Conscious Cook*. Long is recognized in the food and medical communities for her lectures on vegan nutrition and her interviews with top doctors, researchers, and famous vegans. She is the author of *Great Chefs Cook Vegan* and *Virgin Vegan: The Meatless Guide to Pleasing Your Palate*. Long, a vegan for 41 years, has conducted numerous lectures on vegan nutrition and launched her international award-winning books at the iconic James Beard House in New York City.

The weekend will include several no-cost/low-cost options for alumni, many of which are made possible through partnerships with fellow alumni who continue to give back to their alma mater in a variety of unique ways. The Alumni Association also supports many of the activities on this year's schedule of

events.

The new no-cost features include multiple yoga sessions, financial planning and retirement sessions, networking events, trivia, a choir alumni performance, vow renewals, a wild edible and medicinal plant identification hike (guided), a tent/dance party, career paths and college admission preparations, a healing session, an in memoriam luminaire display, health and nutrition sessions, a discussion of a possible alumni trip to Belize, an I-99 business park showing, and more.

In addition, low-cost program features include a 5K walk/run, an alumni golf tournament, a welcome dinner gathering, and a land & sea dinner social. Two local breweries, Yorkholo and Blue Stone, as well as My Brothers BBQ, will be on-site during Saturday's tent party.

Several MU professors will facilitate sessions during the Alumni Weekend festivities as well.

"Our alumni continue to give back to this incredible institution, and it's important that we give back to them too," Wood said. "Incorporating new programming and no-cost options throughout alumni weekend is simply the right thing to do. Our alumni deserve a weekend designed just for them that encompasses a wide variety of activities."

Low-cost, on-campus housing is available to alumni during Alumni Weekend.

To view the complete schedule of events and to register for Alumni Weekend 2018, go to [mansfield.edu/alumni/events](http://mansfield.edu/alumni/events).

For questions concerning Alumni Weekend, contact Casey Wood, director of Alumni Relations at [cmwood@mansfield.edu](mailto:cmwood@mansfield.edu) or (570)662-4078.

Alumni Weekend 2018 is presented by the Mansfield University Alumni Relations Office in collaboration with the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

representing some of the finest talent from the American Northeast. While the majority of the singers are undergraduate music majors, membership is open to all students at the university through an audition process.

The group has achieved a reputation of excellence, having been chosen each of the last 20 to perform at conventions or festivals around the world, most recently at the American Choral Directors Association East Region Conference in Pittsburgh.

In their latest international competition in 2017, the Choir turning in Gold Level performances at the 2017 Harmonie Festival in Limburg-Lindenholzhausen, Germany.

The Mansfield singers won first prize in the Women's Choir category, second prize in both the Men's and Mixed Choir categories, and third prize in Sacred Music category. In all four categories, they were rated at the coveted Gold Level, achieving more than 23 of 25 points.

# Receptions to welcome prospective students

BY ZOE ESPERSETH  
STAFF WRITER

Regional admissions receptions were held in five Pennsylvania cities for prospective Mansfield University students.

Regional receptions are catered towards prospective students who may not have the opportunity to visit Mansfield University before making their college decisions. This year's receptions took place in Harrisburg, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Philadelphia and Mansfield University. The four cities were chosen due to the large number of applications from these areas.

"These receptions provide a thorough financial aid presentation, an admissions presentation, and an opportunity for prospective students to ask questions to staff, alumni, and current students on anything from academics to campus life," Ashley Ensminger, Assistant Director of Admissions, said. One of her responsibilities includes bringing the receptions to life.

"As a small school we want to show them that individualized attention they will get at MU. These events are meant to be a bit more casual, and they're a good opportunity to really get to know the students who are interested in coming to MU," Ensminger said. Most receptions host about 15-20 students and their families making it easier to maintain that casual feeling.

The last regional reception occurred in Philadelphia on March 13. The reception took place at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Center City building from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Guests were provided with refreshments and had the opportunity to chat with university officials in attendance.

"We want to provide all of our students with what they need to make an appropriate decision. We invite a variety of students from juniors who have simply inquired about Mansfield's campus and programs to students who have applied, and even students who have paid a deposit and know they will be attending MU in the fall. We provide a program that can accommodate a prospective student despite where they are in the college search process," Ensminger said.

# Relay for Life fundraising begins

BY NATALIA COLES  
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Colleges Against Cancer will host Mansfield University's Relay for Life in Kelchner Fitness Center.

Relay for Life is an event where teams come together to walk the track. Beginning April 20 at 5 p.m. the relay ends at 5 a.m. During the 12-hour event, one member of each team remains on the track at all times to show that cancer never stops.

"It's a great event that allows everyone to come together to support something that everyone has been touched by," Sara Pierce, Relay for Life event chair, said.

The event is opened to students, faculty, community, caregivers, and survivors. Participants can sign up on the Relay for Life website for the event.

"It is \$15 to sign up online ahead of time and \$20 at the door", Pierce said.

During the Relay for Life, there are many different events that happen throughout the night.

"During Relay we will have caregiver and survivor laps. We have speeches from caregivers and survivors as well. Games will be played, food will be given out, karaoke will be played. We light luminaria for those we have lost to cancer," Sierra Austin, Relay for Life Recruitment Chair, said.

The goal for this year is to raise \$20,000 towards and currently have raised \$3,000. Over 500 people are registered for the event.

"The money goes to helping people take steps to staying healthy, finding cancer's causes and cures, and helping people with cancer by providing free nights of lodging and appearance-related side effects of treatment," Austin said.

Any questions regarding the registration process, contact Sierra Austin at austinsd28@mansfield.edu

# Gibson Brothers perform in Wellsboro

BY TAELOE BOWER  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The Gibson Brothers, a New York bluegrass band, performed in the Wellsboro Coolidge Theatre, at the Deane Center for the Performing Arts.

The five-member band, which formed in 1984, took the stage at 7:30 p.m., as a part of the Wellsboro Community Concert Association's 2017-2018 season. The group is made up of Eric Gibson (banjo and vocals), Leigh Gibson (guitar and vocals), Eric Barber (bass), Clayton Campbell (fiddle), and Jesse Brock (mandolin).

The Gibson Brothers have received several awards, which include the 2011 IBMA Album of the Year with "Help My Brother," which was co-produced by Eric Barber. Clayton

Campbell joined the band in 2004 and was able to record two tracks on the album "Red Letter Day." The newest member to the band is Jesse Brock, who has only been with the band about four years. They have also been awarded International Bluegrass Association's Entertainer, Song, Songwriter, and Album of the Year.

The next performance held in the Coolidge Theatre is The April Verch Band, on April 7. This group was started by April Verch; a fiddler/singer/stepdancer, and for more than two decades has captivated audiences worldwide with the mix of talent.

To find other performances, you can contact the Deane Center of Performing Arts by email at wellsborocca.org or by phone at 570-724-6220.

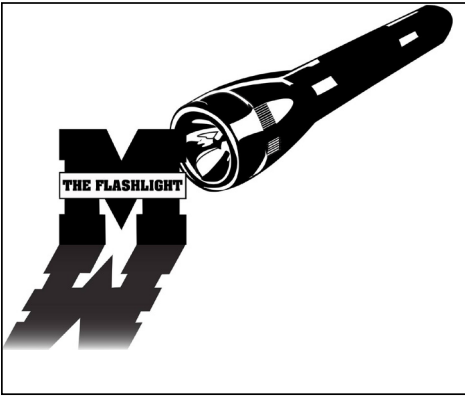
# History major presents paper at regional conference

Mansfield University History major Victoria Royal presented her paper, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Drunkenness: An Examination of Alcohol in Early America," at the Phi Alpha Theta Western Regional Conference hosted by Grove City College on March 10.

Also at the conference, Professor Karen

Guenther, faculty advisor for the Alpha-Iota-Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at MU, chaired a session on "Managing the Environment."

To learn more about studying History at Mansfield, go to mansfield.edu/history/



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Interim President Scott Barton (left), Student Trustee Mackenzie Hafer (center), and Trustees Chairperson Bobbi Kilmer

## Student honored by Council of Trustees

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees honored Mackenzie Hafer at her last meeting as Student Trustee on Wednesday, March 21. Hafer is completing her two-year term and will graduate with a degree in Business Administration: Accounting in May. Bobbi Kilmer, chairperson of the Council of Trustees, thanked Hafer for her outstanding service and dedication to the University and for representing the student's interests on the

Council.

Hafer is the daughter of Duane and Laurie Hafer, both Mansfield graduates, of Athens, PA. Her three older sisters; Mallory, Morgan and Meredith, all graduated from MU as well. Her replacement on the Council of Trustees has been nominated. All Trustees must be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Pennsylvania State Senate.

## MU Nursing Program Ranked by National Organization

The Mansfield University Nursing program has received high grades from RegisteredNursing.org in the organizations rankings of Pennsylvania programs.

MU is ranked third among schools in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education and 19th overall in the Commonwealth for 2018.

Nursing programs were assessed on several

factors which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. Past and present first time NCLEX-RN "pass-rates" were analyzed and weighted by year. To learn more, go to [registerednursing.org/state/pennsylvania/#rankings](http://registerednursing.org/state/pennsylvania/#rankings)

For more information on the Mansfield Nursing program, go to [mansfield.edu/nursing/](http://mansfield.edu/nursing/)



Photo courtesy of Terry Day

Mansfield University President Scott Barton and Scott Henry, director of MU Police Services and the Municipal Police Academy, surrounded by officials from MU, area law enforcement and the Tioga Co. Commissioners, cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy and Regional Training Center.

A new era in law enforcement training began with the ceremonial cutting of a ribbon to dedicate the Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy and Regional Training Center on Monday, March 5.

University officials, representatives from area law enforcement agencies and political officials then toured the new facility, which is located on the upper floor of Doane Center on the MU Campus.

The new Academy includes state-of-art classroom space, a physical training room and additional amenities to allow cadets and instructors an enhanced environment for their education and training.

"This new facility illustrates Mansfield University's ongoing commitment to prepare future generations of municipal police officers who will serve communities in our area and beyond," Mansfield University Interim President Scott Barton said. "In addition, our facility will now serve as an important training site for our regional law enforcement agencies. We are proud to serve both of those roles for the Commonwealth."

Barton thanked the many members of the Mansfield University team and community leaders for their dedication and commitment

towards making this project a reality.

"Our goal is to have an Academy that is considered the finest in the Commonwealth," Scott Henry, director of MU Police Services and the Municipal Police Academy, said. "This new facility is a major step toward that goal. Also, being able to offer a training site for area law enforcement agencies will enhance their ability to protect our communities."

"Mansfield University is re-establishing ourselves in the community and we intend to have our words meet our actions," Barton added.

The Act 120 Academy Training Program at the Academy is a required 919-hour course to obtain certification to be a municipal police officer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It includes training in laws and procedures, motor vehicle law and collision investigation, criminal investigation, crisis management, emergency vehicle operations, physical training, first aid and CPR, defensive tactics and firearms. MU has been home to the Municipal Police Academy since 1978.

To learn more about the Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy and Regional Training Center, go to [mansfield.edu/police-academy](http://mansfield.edu/police-academy)



# Mansfield Signs Agreements with Three Chinese Universities

Mansfield University Interim President Scott Barton signed new 1+2+1 dual degree partnership agreements with three major universities in China; Huaqiao University, Shandong University, and Southwest Petroleum University on Thursday, March 1.

MU has been a member of the Sino-American CHEPD 1+2+1 Program since 2007. This program, which is jointly administered by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the China Center for International Educational Exchange (CCIEE), enables Chinese students to complete their first year at their Chinese university, their next two years at MU, and their final year at their home institution. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn degrees from both institutions.

The new agreements will help facilitate student and faculty exchange programs between MU and Chinese partner universities for many years to come.

“We value our partnerships

with these three prestigious universities and being able to continue welcoming their students, enriches our campus life and culture here at Mansfield,” Barton said. “I truly appreciate the efforts of Dr. Brad Lint, our US-China exchange coordinator, and Provost John Ulrich in facilitating these agreements.”

Lint is also an assistant professor of English at Mansfield.

Below are profiles of Huaqiao University, Shandong University, and Southwest Petroleum University.

Huaqiao Univeristy (HQU)  
Established: 1960  
Location: Q u a n z h o u , Fujian Province, with a new campus in Xiamen in 2006  
President: Jia Yimin  
Students: 24,000  
Faculty: 1,700

Huaqiao University was established to educate Chinese who were born and raised abroad (a quarter of its 160,000 alumni hail from overseas). The university

is particularly well known for its programs in Chinese language and culture, mechanical and civil engineering, architecture, material science, and pharmacy. The university supports 90 research institutes and has been recognized with a National Science and Technology Development award from the central government. Several HQU programs, including international business management, software engineering, and international economics and trade are taught in English. Divided into 19 colleges, HQU offers 52 undergraduate programs, 64 master’s programs, and 9 doctoral programs.

Shandong University (SDU)  
Established: 1901, the second national university in China after Imperial University of Peking  
Location: Jinan, Shandong Province is home to six of the university’s eight campuses  
President: Fan Liming  
Students: 60,000  
Faculty: 3,000

Shandong University is one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious universities in China. It offers degrees in 12 general disciplines. It has 41 research centers, 14 affiliated hospitals, 175 laboratories. Its library holds more than 4.5 million volumes. The college’s charter was drafted by Yuan Shikai in 1916, and former faculty include famous writers Lao She, Shen Congwen, and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2012, Mo Yan. SDU partners with 70 universities in 50 countries, and the university has over 1500 international students. SDU maintains a joint urban research center with the University of Cincinnati and a lab partnership with Virginia Tech. Divided into 31 schools, SDU offers 104 undergraduate programs, 209 master’s programs, and 127 doctoral programs.

Southwest Petroleum University (SWPU)  
Established: 1958  
Location: N a n c h o n g ,

Sichuan Province, with a second campus established in Chengdu  
President: Zhao Jinzhou  
Students: 32,000  
Faculty: 1,600

Southwest Petroleum University is divided into 16 schools covering eight major disciplines: science, engineering, management, economics, arts, law, and education. The university maintains 25 research centers as well as seven laboratories. Its national level key disciplines include oil and gas exploitation engineering, oil and gas drilling engineering, and oil and gas storage and transportation engineering. SWPU has been awarded the grand prize and first prize in “National Science and Technology Progress” as well as the second prize in “National Science and Technology Progress and Invention.” Divided into 18 schools, SWPU offers 65 undergraduate programs, 85 master’s programs, and 23 doctoral programs.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
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25 -Rachael Rice, Senior Horn Recital in Steadman Theatre 2:30pm-4pm	26 -Registration for Fall Semester Begins -Brian Hart and Chris Bell: Art Exhibition in the Loomis Gallery in Allen Hall 10am-4pm -Mariela Shaker - Syrian Violinist - Lecture & Music Performance in Steadman Theater 7:30pm-8:30pm -Fireside Chat: Open Question & Answer Session with President Barton in Spruce Multi-purpose 8pm-9pm	27 -Team Trivia Night at The Hut 9-10:30pm (ET)	28 -Open Mic Night at The Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	29 -Poetry reading by Sheryl St. Germain in Allen Hall 4pm-5pm -Easter Egg Coloring in Oak Multi-purpose 7:30-8:30 pm -Jam Sessions at the Hut 9-11:55pm (ET)	30	31 -Student Bus Trip to Washington, DC 6:30am-11:55pm (ET)
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# Border patrol holds recruitment event on campus

## Editorial: Gun Control reform

BY EMMA LYNCH  
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BY PARRISH BRIDGES  
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The United States Customs and Border Protection Agency visited Mansfield University to let students know about future career opportunities.

The event was presented by federal agent, Merlo, and was hosted by the Criminal Justice department. The presentation lasted for about an hour. Of the 50-60 students in attendance, the majority were Criminal Justice Administration majors or minors. To begin his presentation, Agent Merlo explained the salary and benefits of being an agent. As a Customs Border Patrol Officer, the beginning salary is roughly \$39,000 a year and after each year, the salary increases. Merlo emphasized how someone can make upwards of six figures a year as a Border Patrol Officer in less than five years and that is without including overtime pay and locality pay. Additionally, thanks to its hierarchal system, one can “move up the ladder” so to speak relatively quickly. Moreover, it is a great career for people interested in federal law enforcement.

Along with his presentation, he mentioned the mission statement of the agency and their core values: Vigilance, Integrity, and Service. Their mission is to “Safeguard America’s borders (land, air, and sea) thereby protecting the public from dangerous people and materials while enhancing the nation’s global economic competitiveness by enabling legitimate trade and travel”. Agent Merlo also discussed the agency today and where it is headed. The agency currently employs about sixty-thousand border patrol agents and more are still needed.

“I am very interested in this agency and before the presentation even started today, I was already looking into the application process on my laptop,” Cameron Lewis, a Criminal Justice major, said. This further explains why agent Merlo was on campus today. To get students like Cameron to apply to their agency. The main goal of the event

was to gain young college students interest, recruit them into applying and have them potentially become the future of the agency.

As the presentation came to an end, he gave us real-life scenarios of what a “typical day” looks like as a Border Patrol agent and their duties. For example, he presented the class with a scenario where two young women were trying to cross the United States border from Canada. They explained to Border Patrol Officers that they were coming back from a shopping trip to Canada and were on their way home. As the situation unfolded, the officers felt they had reasonable suspicion to search the vehicle. As a result, they found one of the girl’s boyfriend in the back of the vehicle, hidden in the luggage. They were charged with alien smuggling and attempting to bring an illegal immigrant into the United States. Along with this situation, some of the other duties of a Border Patrol Officer may include: detect and prevent terrorist weapons from entering the United States, enforce customs, immigration, and agricultural laws and regulations at U.S. ports of entry and preclearance locations worldwide, and prevent the illegal trafficking of people, narcotics, and contraband into the United States. He then went on to mention how this law enforcement agency is different than any other agency because they “have the right to search anything, even without a warrant”.

Before taking questions at the end, Agent Merlo briefly explained the hiring process and training. The hiring process involves a variety of steps such as: eligibility determination, applying, take the Border Patrol Entrance Exam, a qualifications review, a background investigation, a medical exam, a fitness test, a structured interview, a polygraph exam, and finally, a drug test. The training is a rigorous 19-week program that takes place in Glynco, GA.

The four main subjects taught are anti-terrorism, firearms training, arrest techniques, and passenger processing.

When I was five years old my grandfather took me to a family friend’s property way out in the country and taught me how to shoot a gun. Before I was allowed to even touch the gun I had to know every single safety rule by heart and follow every single instruction given to me immediately. After that I sat on his lap and he held the gun (I was too small to) and he taught me how to aim. I missed most of the soda cans we had lined up but I never forgot the lessons he taught me that day, or throughout my life when he took me to the shooting range for practice.

In mid-February a school shooter went on a rampage at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In response to the shooting students all over the country walked out of their classes, and out of their schools on Wednesday, March 14, to protest the lack of gun law reform. My eleven-year-old cousin was one student who walked out and my uncle posted about it on Facebook with pride. While I was also proud of my cousin, I began pondering the debate over gun law reforms.

One of the favored arguments I keep hearing from those who object to reform is that the second amendment gives citizens the right to keep and bear arms and by reforming the laws our guns are going to be taken away. We do have that right, but look at it in context: that was written over 200 years ago when the U.S. was trying to gain its independence from England. We’re no longer facing a “tyrannical government” (depending on your political views). At the very least, not in the same way as it was 200 years ago. The population is denser, access to firearms is greater. There are many things that are different between now and then, and laws frequently have to change with the time.

I don’t advocate a general ban on firearms, but I don’t think ordinary citizens should have more firepower than the police or military. There is no reason for anyone who is not military to have automatic, semi-automatic, or extended magazine firearms. They are not protecting the country from threats. You want a twelve gauge to threaten a potential intruder with? Okay. You want a .22 caliber rifle to go hunting with, great. I don’t have a problem with that.

What really needs to change is how guns are treated. Before anyone legally drives a car they must learn how and take an exam to get a license. Not every state requires a license to own a gun, and some states allow open carry without a permit. Like Pennsylvania. In our state the only time you need a license is if you want to carry a concealed weapon or carry one in a motor vehicle. Let’s change that. Everyone should be required to register their weapon. If there was a database of all registered weapons that included all the ballistics of it, multiple weapons could be immediately ruled out. Less time for the police to find the perpetrator (hopefully) and less hassle for those who own a gun because it won’t have to be tested by hand every time.

There should also be continuing education. Not just on firearms themselves but also on mental health. It seems like every time there is a school shooting the shooter’s mental health is to blame. A greater understanding of both can lead to better interpersonal relationships which can help lower the likelihood of school shootings. Also, continued education can create a deeper sense of respect and care for those who own firearms.

Understandably there are some slight issues with this. Criminals should not be allowed to legally own weapons but they are criminals. Breaking a gun law probably won’t bother them too much so they can just by their weapon on the black market – which is exactly why there should not be a gun ban and there should be a registry. Other issues involve how to classify acts of gun violence and who else should and should not be able to own a gun. This plan isn’t perfect but it could be the start to a new relationship with one of our most prevalent methods of protection in this country.

Either way we look at it, something needs to be done to at least try and prevent the loss of more life.

# The Flashlight

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## Baseball takes two from Lincoln in home opener

Mansfield took the opener 4-2 before cruising to a 16-2 win in the nightcap to sweep Lincoln (Pa.) Sunday afternoon in non-conference play at Shaute Field.

Starting pitcher Billy Gregory danced with perfection in game two before the historic feat was spoiled by Lincoln in the sixth inning.

In game one, Lincoln (0-9, 0-0 CIAA) scored a pair of runs in the second, but an Owen Lukens RBI single into left center in the bottom of the inning scored Brady Mengel to halve the deficit. In the fourth inning, J.P. Bonanca drove in Dio Infante and Colby Schearer plated Carlos Espinosa to give Mansfield (6-7, 0-0 PSAC East) a 3-2 advantage.

The Mounties added an insurance run in the sixth when Carlos Espinosa scored on a passed ball.

Joseph DePerno pitched 6.0 innings with three hits allowed and eight strikeouts to earn his first win of the season. Tyler Guidos pitched the final inning in relief to pick up the save.

It was all Mansfield in game two as Mengel and Infante drew a walk and a hit by pitch respectively with bases loaded to force in runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The Mountaineers hung eight runs in the second to jump out to a 10-0 advantage. Schearer and Camren Ney drove in runs before Guidos drilled a two-run homer to centerfield. Infante, Espinosa, Zuraski, and Bonanca continued the attack

with RBIs in the inning.

In the third, Lukens drove in a run before Guidos scored from third to extend the lead to 12-0. Lukens and Colin Treaster each plated a pair of runs with two RBI hits to push the lead to 16-0.

The Lions got on the board with two runs in the sixth. Mansfield starting pitcher Billy Gregory worked a perfect game into the sixth inning. The junior allowed just four hits in 6.0 innings of work with seven strikeouts and no walks allowed.

Mansfield opens PSAC East play on Friday at East Stroudsburg.

## Watkins Hits NCAA Provisional Mark in Javelin Throw at Shamrock Invitational

Hunter Watkins hit his second consecutive NCAA provisional mark in the javelin throw to highlight Mansfield track & field at the Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational on Friday.

Watkins took fourth in the javelin with his best attempt of 58.50 meters after hitting 63.78m at the Coastal Carolina Invitational last weekend.

Janelle Peachy also finished fourth in a field of 17 runners in the women’s mile race. The junior finished with a mark of 5:49.76, just four seconds behind her personal best of 5:45.35. Freshman Tyler Olrogg finished the men’s equivalent with a time of

5:04.43 good for 14th.

Bryce Steiner finished eighth in the 200m with a personal best of 23.87. Carlsen finished .04 of a second behind him for his collegiate best, beating himself by just under a second.

Charlsie Bowen leaped to fifth in the women’s pole vault with a conference height of 3.65m before bowing out at 3.80m.

Each runner in the men’s 800m set records for themselves as Ben Drexler finished his first 800m with a mark of 2:02.66 to finish 14th in a field of 36 athletes. Dylan Rhodes was the next Mountie

to cross the line at 2:04.75 for 20th, beating his personal best by six seconds. Sophomore Jordan Cash-Rawleigh punched in at 2:14.17 for 31st hitting a personal best by less than a second. Wilson Preston completed Mansfield’s runners in 33rd for a personal best 2:18.36.

Marcus Frazier placed 20th in the 400m race with his time of 58:26.

The Mountaineers will complete in the Fred Hardy Invitational on Saturday, Mar. 25 in Richmond, VA.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
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1	2	3	4 -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Lincoln University 1pm and 3pm(ET) Lincoln University, PA	5 -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Millersville University 1pm and 3pm(ET) Millersville, PA	6 -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Millersville University 1pm and 3pm(ET) Millersville, PA -Softball Mountaineers vs. Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2:30pm and 4:30pm (ET) In Mansfield	7 -Men's and Women's and Field Mountaineers vs. Millersville Metrics all day (ET) Millersville, PA -Baseball Mountaineers vs. Millersville University 1pm and 3pm(ET) In Mansfield -Softball Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University 1pm and 3pm In Mansfield



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Photo courtesy of Jasmine Thomas

Student nominators and their faculty and staff nominees

## Students nominate mentors for appreciation

**BY JASMINE THOMAS**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

Students nominated their mentors of faculty and staff to show their appreciation for them in honor of the 18th annual Mentor Appreciation Celebration.

The event was sponsored by the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Held in North Manser, the event took place on Tuesday, March 22. It opened with a speech from the president of PCSW, Gretchen Sechrist. In total there were ten faculty and staff members nominated for the event. These nominations were submitted by email to the committee. Each mentor sat with the nominators at a decorated table. The first to

speak was Jasmine Thomas, whom nominated K. Sue Young. The event was catered by Sodexo. The tables were decorated accordingly with powerful quotes from famous women that impacted history; International Women's day had just passed.

The nominators were to submit a paper on how their mentor has impacted their lives and why they should be shown appreciation. Then the students were given a copy of what they submitted to be read aloud to their mentor and the audience. Some read what they submitted, and others spoke from the heart. It was an emotional event, where many were recognized for all that they do for campus and the students. Many nominators were

overwhelmed with emotion when thanking their mentors for impacted their lives. As were some nominees that did not expect the thanks. One professor at the event did not even know she was nominated until only a couple hours before the event took place. After each speech an award was given to the faculty or staff nominated and their pictures were taken. Mansfield University President, Scott Barton also spoke to the audience. He expressed his warmth for the event and how it is important for people to nominate their mentors and show them their appreciation. The event lets these mentors be recognized and supported for all the work that they do.

## APSCUF working to bring affordable tuition to students

**BY EMMA LYNCH**  
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties has partnered with the organization Pennsylvania Promise to try and bring affordable education to the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Promise is an organization that is dedicated to changing how the Commonwealth handles higher education. Their current goal is to change the legislation so that the state is providing much more financial help to college age students than they currently are.

"Over the past few years there have been several researched reports done," Dr. Kenneth Mash, current president of the state chapter of APSCUF, said. "Our universities rank in the bottom 60% when it comes to family income and we are ranked 40 out of all 50 states for number of adults with degrees."

More specifically, high school students are choosing not to attend college at all because of the lack of financial aid and an inability to pay for college on their own. Many of those who do attend college either leave partway through, again due to a lack of funding, or they leave thousands of dollars in debt.

"It hurts the economy," Mash said. "Students are often leaving college at least \$30,000 in debt, which holds them back. That money is going to banks instead of the economy, because these students can't afford to buy a house or a car."

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- The Ethiopians have also requested the return of his remains

# APSCUF working to bring affordable tuition to students - Continued from page 1

Pennsylvania Promise's website [papromise.org](http://papromise.org) lists the specific goals that will allow affordable college to become the norm in Pennsylvania. There are four goals of the organization: cover two years of tuition and fees for recent high school graduates who are enrolled full-time in one of the 14 community colleges (Mansfield University included); cover four years of tuition and fees for high school graduates that are accepted to one of the 14 universities and with a family income that is less or equal to \$110,000 per year; provide four years of tuition and fees not to exceed the State System tuition rate, depending on family income, for students accepted into a state-related university; and finance the expansion of grant assistance for adults looking to get credentials in in-demand or industry-recognized skills, as well as college credit.

If this legislation were to change, the beginnings of affordable tuition could come with the state's next budget, which has not been passed for 2018-19, or within the next year. However, everyone would have to come together and demand such a change from legislators—not just students, but parents and educators as well. PA Promise is holding rallies at various state schools over the next couple of months to do just that. The first one was held April 5 in West Chester. The purpose of these rallies is to allow students a chance to speak out; to share their story of how they financed their education and demand affordable college. If any senators or representatives are able to attend the rallies, it will also give the legislators a chance to discuss in person these changes, and show their support. Dr. Mash stated that he also plans to attend as many of the rallies as possible.

## Professor discusses forensics, law, and an 80's terrorist attack

BY MOLLY FURLONG  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Dr. Mark Thompson's presentation on the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 was an information filled discussion about forensics, investigation and terrorism.

This presentation was hosted by Mansfield University's Political Science Club on Wednesday, March 29, at 4 p.m. in the Grant Science Center on campus. The room was packed with students and faculty from various majors. As a chemistry professor, Dr. Thompson went into the forensic aspects of the investigation following the plane's crash over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.

The presentation showcased the capabilities of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, and tied in some aspects of international law and politics as well. Dr. Thompson delivered the information about

this terrorist attack on a vital U.S. bound plane, but managed to keep the presentation upbeat and interesting through his wit and presenting style.

A surprising fact that many in the audience were unaware of is that 35 of those who died in the crash were students from Syracuse University on their way home for Christmas after studying in London at Syracuse's London and Florence campuses.

"The most interesting part of the presentation for me was the forensics helping them identify the perpetrators," Briana Ransom, a junior majoring in Business and Political Science, said. "The fact that they surveyed an 800-square mile crime scene and found the essential pieces to make a case was amazing. Being able to link the exact suitcase, clothing, device, and place where the clothing was bought were something I had not initially believed possible, but they did it".

## Recognizing dehydration and the importance of drinking water

BY OLIVIA MOATS  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

With the increase of temperatures and physical activity that summer brings, dehydration becomes a more pressing concern. It is extremely easy to become dehydrated and never notice, which can lead to dangerous side effects.

The average person's body is about 70% water, and when the body is not getting enough of the fluid, it sends out signs. Most of these signs are brushed off or not connected with dehydration, such as fatigue, increased heart rate, and not being able to exercise as efficiently. To combat the feeling of not being able to exercise as efficiently, people commonly try to exercise more. This leads to more dehydration and the cycle continues.

When the feeling of thirst hits, the body is already dehydrated. Even just minimal dehydration can cause a rise in blood pressure, which then makes the heart pump harder. When the heart must pump harder, the body feels more fatigued. It is easy to take a power nap and assume that the feeling will go away, but most people wake up feeling just as groggy

as before because they are still dehydrated.

Testing the level of hydration that a body has is simple. The easiest way to determine hydration is by looking at the color of urine. A light yellow to clear color is the sign of a healthy level of hydration, while dark yellow means that the body does not have enough water. There is also a test called "tenting" where the skin on the back of the hand is gently pulled up. The time that it takes for the skin to return to its original position can be used to determine hydration levels, since skin elasticity relates to hydration. The recommended amount of water to drink in a day is 64oz, or about 8 cups.

Keep in mind that there is a variety of factors that can affect hydration. The obvious one is exercise, whether it causes sweating or not. Men generally sweat more than women do, so their water needs might be greater. Air temperature plays a role in water needs as well, since the warmer it is outside the more water is used to cool down the body and the more is lost to evaporation. Any activity, be it running, walking, or swimming, can cause dehydration to occur.

## Game and chill event gives students a chance to relax

BY TE'WUAN THORNE  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Spruce RAs created a video game and chill event for residents.

Held in one of the multipurpose rooms in Spruce, the room was divided into four sections. Each section had its own TV and gaming console. 20 participants attended between 8 and 11 p.m., playing a variety of games from Borderlands 2 to Mario Kart

Double Dash. The games were played on an Xbox One, PlayStation 4, Super Nintendo, and GameCube. The RAs also provided chips and soda for attendees.

"I was happy to set up the event," Dylan Woodring, one of the RAs who set up the event, said. "We might do this again two or three times in the future." This event marked the first official gaming event in some time and all of the gaming systems were provided by the RAs.

## Education major attends NEA national conference

Mansfield University Education major Hannah Swartwood (Jersey Shore, PA) was one of only 20 students from across the country selected to attend the National Education Association (NEA) National Leadership Summit held in Chicago March 16-18.

The theme for the 2018 Leadership Summit was "Uniting Our Members and the Nation: Empowering Leaders, Educating Students, and Strengthening Communities." Swartwood, along with her fellow student scholarship winners and 2,000 in-services teachers attended.

Swartwood attended breakout sessions

about the effects of school voucher programs on public schools, creating a professional learning plan to continue to improve my teaching and national board certification. She also attended the Aspiring Educators Caucus meeting and the Pennsylvania State Partnership for Leadership Development meetings.

"It was such an amazing experience to learn from, and alongside, incredible professionals in the education field," Swartwood said.

To learn more about the Education and Special Education Department, go to [mansfield.edu/edspeced/](http://mansfield.edu/edspeced/)





Photo courtesy of Terry Day

Those who visited Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary

## Mansfield students and professor tour Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary

Sixteen Mansfield University students, led by Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Administration (CJA) Justin Crawl, toured Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary on Thursday, March 22.

The penitentiary, known for its rich history and architectural design, is a high security federal prison housed within the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

For most of the students, all of whom are in Crowl's Survey of Corrections course, it was the first time they went behind the walls of a federal prison.

An overview of the prison, often referred to as ‘The Big House’, was first provided by Warden Dave Ebbert, a 1987 Mansfield graduate and alumni of the CJA Department and practitioner with over 20 years of experience in the correctional field.

Students were provided valuable information about the history of the facility, the culture of federal prisons, staff-inmate dynamics, and correctional careers.

A tour of the facility, guided by unit managers and Shawn Barlett, executive assistant and camp administrator, then followed. Students viewed several two-person housing units, no larger than a typical college dorm room, some inhabited by

prisoners serving life sentences with others housing cadre inmates. They also had the opportunity to tour various other parts of the prison, including the prison library, medical services, the gymnasium, a large room with auditorium-style seating that was once used to show movies to inmates, and the dining hall.

As a follow-up to the tour, students completed a reflection assignment in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Crowl's class. Specifically, they were asked to reflect on the tour and discuss what they learned, relating some of the things they experienced to content previously discussed in class. Students were also asked to share their perceptions of the experience and, notably, what they would tell someone who has never toured a federal prison.

The students who participated in the tour were Aaron Benfer, Adam Brooks, Anthony Brown, Jordan Cowen, Dakota Eaton, Dylan Flexer, Stephanie Leister, Alecia Marmora, Ryan McClain, James Natali, Camren Ney, Lashay Parker, Sharima Rowland, Evan Shumway, Ceisean Tucker and Hannah Woodward.

To learn more about studying CJA at Mansfield, go to [cja.mansfield.edu](http://cja.mansfield.edu)

**Mansfield  
outstanding seniors  
honor mentors**

Eleven Mansfield University faculty were honored as 2017-18 Outstanding Senior Mentors at a reception on Monday, April 2.

They were recognized by MU's Outstanding Senior nominees for being a positive influence on them and having mentored them as a student and future professional.

Each honoree received a certificate and a copy of the nominating letter from the student.

The honorees and the students who nominated them are:  
Bruce Carpenter, Business and Economics, nominated by Mackenzie Hafer  
Mary Feeney, Health Sciences, nominated by Sara Clauto  
Andrew Gaskiewicz, History, Philosophy and Political Science, nominated by Jeffrey Pelachick

Linda Kennedy, Geosciences, nominated by  
Dylan Baumbach  
Bonnie Kutbay, Art, nominated by Abigail  
Dolan

Clarence Lienhard, Mathematics and  
Computer Information Science/Music,  
nominated

by Matthew Getz

Robert Maris, Biology, nominated by Claire  
Bachman and Stephanie Richards

Lynn Pifer, English and World Languages,  
nominated by Adam Setzer

Tiffany Welch, Social Work, Nominated by  
Katlyn Lutchko

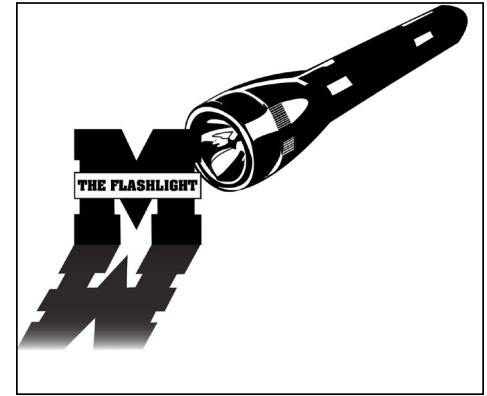
Michele Whitecraft, Education and Special  
Education and Mathematics and Computer

Information Science/Music, nominated by  
Whitney Hurlburt and Richard Pollock

Sue Young, Communication, nominated by  
Katherine Lipski

The event was sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

The Outstanding Senior Award will be presented at Commencement on May 5.



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# Editorial: “A for Angela”

BY EMMA LYNCH  
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Growing up I frequently heard about the horrors that enveloped the world of online dating. The associated stigma swirled around in the back of my mind: warnings of serial killers, rapists, kidnappers and human traffickers, not to mention a significant amount of dishonesty. According to eHarmony, 53% of people lie on their dating profile. Lying on a profile might be a minor thing to some, but Statistic Brain's page on online dating statistics shows that 10% of sex offenders use online dating to meet people. Romance scamming using online dating is the second biggest scam after investment fraud. 10% of members on dating sites are scammers, 51% are already in a relationship, and internet predators have committed more than 16,000 abductions, 100 murders and thousands of rapes every year.

All the while I watched commercials extolling the happiness to be found on online dating sites such as eHarmony. There are millions of members across the globe and it has become a billion-dollar industry. 17% of marriages began online between 2016 and 2017 and 20% of committed relationships began online in the same time frame. Despite the negativity, more and more websites and apps have launched over the last fifteen years and have been steadily growing in popularity.

You may be wondering why I'm giving you all these statistics on online dating. The simple truth is that dating in general can be dangerous. However, there are some who have taken steps to give people some protection whether they met their date online or in real life.

A couple years ago another friend shared

the picture of what looked like a flier on Facebook, in regards to asking for Angela. Honestly, I'd forgotten about it for a time until Professor Mason asked me about it. So, I did my research. “Ask for Angela” began in 2016, in Lincolnshire, England. The fliers, like the one I saw a photo of, let viewers know that if they ended up in a bad or dangerous situation, all the viewer had to do was go up to the bar and ask any of the bartenders for “Angela”. “Angela” was a code word for needing help and, according to Hayley Child, the campaigns creator, is a play on the word “angel”.

Overall, the campaign received good reviews. According to the BBC posters were put up in both men and women's bathrooms, because anyone could encounter a bad situation and need help. There have also been news reports over the past two years that this campaign, in its original form and in variation had been used successfully throughout the world.

To hear that someone started a campaign like this, and that it had spread globally, was music to my ears. There have been so many happy endings to online dating and dating in general, but I've also spent a lot of time listening to the horror stories and wishing that something could be done. It would be naïve to assume that everyone is honest, good, and kind, so I breathe a little easier knowing there are people thinking of ways to prevent occurrences of these real-life horror stories. I know that some may abuse the campaign, may use the code word to get out of a situation that isn't truly dangerous or bad, just mildly uncomfortable. I know that not every bar, pub, or club on the planet has implemented this yet. It is, though, most definitely a start.

## Mansfield social work faculty present at national conference; Research to be published in journal

Tiffany Welch, chair and field education director of the Department of Social Work, and Lisa Kunzmann, adjunct instructor of Social Work at Mansfield University, presented research at the School Social Workers Association of America (SSWAA) National Conference held in Columbus, OH March 14-17.

Welch and Kunzmann presented their research entitled “Assessing BSW Student Documentation Skills: An Exploratory Study,” which summarized an exploratory study that examined the quality of documentation among senior Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) majors in their last semester, in which they completed a 500-hour field practicum.

Findings include that there is a need for an emphasis on strengths-based documentation as well as the need for signed documentation. Results also indicated that students appeared to have mastery in legible documentation and the documentation of service provision. Recommendations for further research and suggestions for replication were included.

Welch and Kunzmann's research has also been accepted for publication in the Field Scholar section of the upcoming spring 2018 issue of the Field Educator Journal.

To learn more about studying Social Work at Mansfield, go to [mansfield.edu/social-work/](http://mansfield.edu/social-work/)

## The Mansfieldians to perform at the historic Apollo Theatre

The Mansfieldians, Mansfield University's highly select ensemble of singers specializing in vocal jazz, have been invited to perform in the 2018 New York City Jazz Festival at the world famous Apollo Theatre on Sunday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

They will be performing as the featured college ensemble in a concert with the John Fedchok Big Band and the internationally acclaimed vocal jazz ensemble The Real Group.

This year's group, directed by Professor Sheryl Monkelién, consists of Brady Bennett, Ben Eisenhour, Robert Flora, Rachel Lehman, Veronica Phillip, Victoria Royal, Nathan Shedd and Tayana Woodton.

“It is exciting to think that we will be performing on the same stage as jazz greats like Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Charlie Parker

and Miles Davis,” Monkelién said. “Our students have been given a rare opportunity and are thrilled to be a part of this festival.”

The students will depart from MU on Friday, April 6 and take part in festival activities with other college and high school vocal jazz ensembles from around the world.

The Mansfieldians will have a chance to hear the other participating vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles, work with renowned jazz educators in a private clinic, experience some of what New York City has to offer, and most importantly, perform on the stage of the Apollo Theatre.

The trip is funded in part by Student Activities Fees.

To learn more about the Department of Music at MU, go to [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu)

## Mansfield music graduate takes third in international opera competition; Credits university for start

Lindsay Kate Brown, a 2013 Mansfield University graduate, placed third in the 30th annual Eleanor McCollum Competition for Young Singers sponsored by the Houston Grand Opera (HGO).

The competition and its final round, the Concert of Arias, are held annually to identify candidates for HGO's internationally acclaimed Studio program, which nurtures young artists who have the potential for major careers in opera. The competition drew more than 500 entries from around the world.

“The competition was really a life changing experience, which sounds terribly corny, but is totally true,” Brown said. “As musicians, we spend countless hours perfecting our craft; we have to have a solid vocal technique, knowledge on how to speak multiple languages, be able to demonstrate musical concepts that

are stylistically appropriate, and provide a performance with enough dramatic intention to convey the story behind the music. There are long work days and sometimes even longer nights, but it doesn't matter because, at the end of the day, we are getting to do what we love. This competition was a representation of years of hard and dedication to the music, but more than that, it was about getting people feel something. Music was created to be felt and this competition was a way for me to help people feel and, almost more importantly, a sign that I am meant to do this. To be able to be surrounded by some of the best musicians in the world, doing what I love and changing people's lives is something I'll never forget.”

A mezzo-soprano, Brown is working towards her Artist Diploma at Rice University in Houston, TX. She graduated from MU

with degrees in both Music Performance and Music Education. She also competed a degree in Opera Performance at Binghamton University in 2016 before enrolling in at Rice.

“Mansfield University was the reasons I decided to go into opera,” Brown said. “I had always grown up singing in choirs and playing in instrumental ensembles and never showed any interest in opera, so it wasn't until coming to Mansfield that I realized that I could change the world through music and, specifically, through opera. It wasn't until I started taking voice lessons with Dr. (Todd) Ranney and he candidly said to me during a lesson, ‘You should think about auditioning for the opera.’ The thought of doing anything other than becoming a choral director never occurred to me. He pushed me to find a confidence in my talent and in myself to

become an opera singer and I owe the start of my career to him. Dr. (Peggy) Dettwiler also played a huge part in helping me cultivate my musicianship and my artistry, first through my choral music and then through my solo work. I owe my freedom of expression to her.”

“This fall I will be joining Houston Grand Opera, one of the top opera houses in the country, as a studio artist, and I couldn't have done that without the two of them (Ranney and Dettwiler) or without Mansfield University,” Brown added.

For more information about Brown, visit her website at [lindsaykatebrown.com](http://lindsaykatebrown.com)

To learn more about studying Music and Voice at Mansfield, go to [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu)

Personal advertisements

New to The Flashlight:  
We will be selling personal ad space in The Flashlight. For \$1 you may have up to ten words. Tell someone happy birthday, give a senior a nice send-off. Either find us in Lower Manser on Wednesdays (staff schedule permitting) or put your \$1 and what you want your ad to say in an envelope and slide it under our office door, found on 2M of Alumni.

Happy birthday Mikaila Nolasco! I hope your birthday is wonderful! - Kenneth Pate

Join The Flashlight! - Lucianna Minoia

Spaghetti is the best food. - Steven McCauley

“Nothing gold can stay.” - Robert Frost - Anonymous ad

I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list. - Professor Dan Mason

It’s been a pleasure living, loving and learning here! Thanks! - Emma Lynch

**Announcement:** A special thanks goes out to Dr. Pifer’s Editorial Process class for their help editing stories this semester. It was both a fun learning experience, as well as extremely helpful to me. Thank you Alice, Taelor, Jess, Olivia, Tyler, Logan, Rachel, Adam, and Lizzie. Of course, thank you to Dr. Pifer as well.

Festival Chorus to present two performances of Annelies

The Mansfield University Festival Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, will present two performances of Annelies by James Whitbourn, the first major choral setting of The Diary of Anne Frank, with faculty soloist Alissa Rose singing the role of Anne Frank.

The performances will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 8 at 2:30 in Steadman Theatre.

The chamber ensemble will feature violinist Max Buckholtz, clarinetist Richard MacDowell, cellist Bradley Holtman, and pianist Eun-Joo Kwak. The program will also feature a video presentation of images taken during this very dark period in human history.

The diary Anne Frank wrote in her early teens, while she was hiding for two years during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, has been translated into 60 languages and included on several lists among the top books of the 20th century. Annelies (Anne’s

full name) was a joyful and talented girl who dreamed of becoming a writer. The pages of her diary were found on the floor of the Annex after the family had been captured and taken to concentration camps. Had she lived, Anne would now be in her 80s.

The Festival Chorus is a mixed chorus of about 75 voices, which is open to all university students as well as community singers. Large scale performances with orchestra and professional soloists include Handel’s Messiah, Vivaldi’s Gloria, Orff’s Carmina Burana, Haydn’s Creation and Mass in Time of War, Mendelssohn’s Elijah, Mozart’s Mass in C Minor, Bach’s Mass in B Minor, Honegger’s King David, Jenkins’ The Armed Man: A Mass of Peace, and the Requiems by Brahms, Fauré, Mozart, Rutter, and Verdi. The Festival Chorus has produced numerous CDs and cassette recordings.

Alissa Rose, soprano, holds degrees in voice from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the Shepherd School of Music at

Rice University, the Hochschule für Musik Detmold, and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, as well as a degree in Biochemistry from Oberlin College. Her operatic and concert engagements have taken her around the U.S., Europe and Israel. She has performed under such conductors as James Levine, Robert Shaw, and Zubin Mehta, and has coached with Martin Katz and Dawn Upshaw, among others.

Rose particularly enjoys contemporary music, and has premiered several operatic roles, song cycles and concert works. She joined the faculty of Mansfield University in the fall of 2008, and she teaches voice, diction and vocal pedagogy.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and children. They can be purchased online at music.mansfield.edu or by calling (570)662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 - 2:30 p.m. - Annelies - Major Work	9 - 10:00 a.m. - Brian Hart and Chris Bell: Art Exhibition; Loomis Gallery, Allen Hall - 5:00 p.m. - Mansfield University Greek Week begins	10 - 11:30 a.m. - “Nasty Women of the Bible: The Woman Apostle” - 5:00 p.m. - MU Greek Week - 9:00 p.m. - Team Trivia Night @ The Hut	11 - 5:00 p.m. - MU Greek Week - 9:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night @ The Hut	12 - 5:00 p.m. - MU Greek Week - 9:00 p.m. - Jam Sessions @ The Hut	13 - 10:30 a.m. - New Student Orientation begins - Softball: Mounties vs. University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Away (Johnston, PA) 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MU Greek Week ends	14 - 12:00 p.m. - New Student Orientation ends - 10:30 a.m. - New Student Orientation begins - 11:00 a.m. - Julie Cooper senior voice recital; Steadman - 6:30 p.m. - Donovan Dorenzo; Steadman
15 - 12:00 p.m. - New Student Orientation ends - 2:30 p.m. - Khosi Jones & Brent Rounsville, Percussion and Trumpet Recital; Steadman	16 - 10:00 a.m. - Brian Hart and Chris Bell: Art Exhibition; Loomis Gallery, Allen Hall - 10:30 a.m. - Scholars-At-Risk Lecturer Dr. Simten Cosar	17 - 11:00 a.m. - Part-time and summer job fair; Alumni Hall - 9:00 p.m. - Team Trivia Night @ The Hut	18 - 9:00 a.m. - Eighth Annual Showcase of Student Scholarship; Alumni Hall - 11:00 a.m. - Employer on campus: The Arc of Chemung; Alumni Hall - 9:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night @ The Hut	19 - 9:00 p.m. - Jam Sessions @ The Hut	20 - 5:00 p.m. - Relay for Life begins - 5:30 p.m. Josh Braun junior guitar recital; Butler Music Center	21 - Softball: Mounties vs. Clarion; Away (Clarion, PA) 1 & 3 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. - Relay for Life ends - 12:00 p.m. - Admissions Accepted Student Day



# Award winning writer shares poems and stories

**BY EMMA LYNCH**  
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Sheryl St. Germain read 14 poems from her new book of poetry, as well as one essay, to a group of 37 people.

St. Germain is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and is currently the director of Chatham University's MFA program after joining the university in 2005. She has been writing since she was a child, and earned her bachelor's degree in English from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1979. She received her PhD from The University of Texas, Dallas, in Humanities in 1986.

Although she has not lived in Louisiana for about twenty years, she writes extensively on the culture and environment of the state. She has also written a great number of essays and poems on substance abuse, having lost her father, both brothers, and son to substance abuse. Her son died three years ago of a heroin overdose and her new book, *The Small Door of Your Death*, focuses on his death and the emotional pain that went along with it. She also delves into her own history of substance abuse, as well as her family's.

"I never thought I would be a writer," St. Germain said. "I switched to nutrition [in college] because I thought it would be easier. In the final English class I had to take, I wrote an essay and the professor asked if they could use it as a sample of a good essay. So, I switched back to English."

St. Germain has won several awards in relation to her work, including the William Faulkner Creative Writing Award for the Personal Essay in 1999. She has also founded or co-founded several organizations: The Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities at Iowa State University, and Words Without Walls - which is a creative

partnership between Allegheny County Jail, Chatham MFA Creative Writing Program, and Sojourner House.

"Write compassionately – even about your enemies," St. Germain said. She also discusses how writing can be helpful to others. What is useful to her and what will be useful to others, which was a main reason behind publishing *The Small Door of Your Death*.

"Be brave enough to talk about topics that maybe aren't easy to talk about or those closest to you don't want you to," Josh Hastings, an Organizational Communications major with a minor in Creative Writing, said. "She is an immensely amazing talker."

Lilace Guignard, Instructor of Creative Writing and Outdoor Recreation Leadership, invited St. Germain to visit campus and do a poetry reading, her second in the past five years. Guignard and St. Germain met when Guignard was in grad school in Reno, Nevada. After hearing her read, Guignard got to know her at a conference in Mississippi where her and her husband, Dr. Jimmy Guignard – Chair of the Department of English and World Languages, both presented.

"Sheryl is real. She is inspiring," Guignard said. "In her readings and in my classroom I watch students crack open in new exciting ways because of what Sheryl says and does. Her frankness about real world problems – addiction, abuse, motherhood, the dark and light of all relationships – is empowering. More than that, she is excellent at describing how and why she decides to share what she does."

Dr. Clifford and the Honors Program, the English and World Languages Department, and the Provost's office all helped fund this event to ensure that St. Germain was brought to campus.

# Escape room provides students with a fun night

**BY REBEKAH ROCHA**  
*STAFF WRITER*

Three Oak Hall RAs held an escape room in the empty room, 302.

It was designed by Ryan, a criminal justice major, Quincy, who is dual majoring in Spanish and elementary education, and Eric, another criminal justice major. The theme was "clue" (like the board game) and was set up to take 50 minutes to escape.

Upon entering, players were given an initial prompt and a chance to set up. The prompt was simple: "You're a group of investigators. You've been chasing a murderer for the past couple months. You've located his residence but end up getting captured. You wake up chained to the wall. You have 50 minutes to escape before he comes to kill you."

The room was set up to represent a murder chamber. It was cold and the walls were covered in "blood". A lot of thought was put into connecting the room with the story; one wall looked like the "murderer" had been tracking his victims and included articles on their deaths. Another wall had "fan mail" on it.

"The planning took us about 60 hours, and that's probably an understatement," Ryan said. "It took us another 40 hours to set up the room. We had to paint everything and make sure it all worked perfectly. I'm a minor in graphic design, so all the pictures on the

wall were made using photo shop which took us another 20 hours."

They choose the theme because it related to the two criminal justice major's field. The threesome spoke to the head RA and then checked with housing to get approval for both the event itself and the use of the empty room.

"Our favorite part was watching the students," Ryan said. "It was cool to see how they worked together to escape, and I liked seeing when the lightbulb clicked."

"You can't forget watching the people freak out when they saw me," Quincy said.

"I'd have to say this was more successful," Erin said when comparing last semester's Jurassic Park themed escape room to this one. "We've had about 50 people go through so far."

"It was hard though," Ryan said. "With it being a 50-minute game, we weren't able to get as many people through as we would have liked to. Last semester it was a 30-minute game so we were able to get people through a lot quicker. We might hold it again next week so we can get more people through."

"I hadn't expected it to be as good as it was," Julia, a nursing major and participant in the escape room, said. "Everything was so well thought out. I would definitely do it again if I could."

Ryan also stated that, despite the 120-hour setup time, it was worth it. He hopes to do more in the future, although he doubts there will be another one this semester.

# Students showcase their talents in annual scholarship program

**BY ZOE ESPERSETH**  
*STAFF WRITER*

The eighth annual Showcase of Student Scholarships will continue to reward and acknowledge outstanding student projects from Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.

The Showcase for Student Scholarship provides students with an opportunity to submit projects to be viewed by members of the Mansfield community and university.

"It is a chance for everyone across campus to learn about the activities in departments other than their own. We aren't usually

aware of these impressive accomplishments," Dr. Jeanne Kagle, a professor in the biology department and who is responsible for bringing this display to life, said.

Applications were due on March 26, but late applications may still be considered. Students still wishing to submit a project for consideration must complete an application form and email it to their faculty sponsor. All applications must be submitted for review by your faculty sponsor. Once the form is filled out, faculty sponsors will indicate their endorsement at the end of the form and then submit the form to [showcase@mansfield.edu](mailto:showcase@mansfield.edu).

The application can be found at <http://lib.mansfield.edu/studentshowcase>.

Submissions chosen will be displayed in the Alumni Hall Showcase on Wednesday, April 18 in Alumni Hall. Students will receive approval and the Showcase program schedule by April 6.

"Submissions will be reviewed by faculty for inclusion in the Showcase. It is not a competition. We would like to have presentations representing as many aspects of student scholarship as possible," Kagle said.

A wide variety of projects have been submitted in the past. Such submissions

include projects such as posters from many different academic majors, literary readings and musical performances.

"The Showcase of Student Scholarship is an opportunity for Mansfield University students to share their research and creative endeavors with the entire Mansfield community. All participants have the opportunity to present their projects to the Mansfield community on April 18, 2018," Kagle said. For any more information, regarding the Showcase for Student Scholarship, contact Jeanne Kagle at [jkagle@mansfield.edu](mailto:jkagle@mansfield.edu).

## Baseball falls twice at #17 Lock Haven

Mansfield baseball dropped both ends of a PSAC East doubleheader at No. 17 Lock Haven Saturday afternoon at Watkins Field.

Lock Haven (12-4, 4-1 PSAC East) overcame an early deficit to win game one 8-4 before taking game two 4-3 on a walk-off hit.

Tyler Guidos put Mansfield (7-11, 1-4 PSAC East) on top early in the opener, drilling a two-run homer in the top of the first inning. It was the second on the season for Guidos.

The Bald Eagles got one back in the bottom of the inning, but Spencer Zuraski put Mansfield ahead by two runs again with an RBI single up the middle in the second inning to make it 3-1.

Lock Haven tied the game with a pair of runs in the third and took its first lead with two more runs in the fifth. The Eagles added three insurance runs in the sixth to earn the victory.

Jesse Slinger went the distance for Lock Haven for the win while striking out six batters. Evan McAndrew took the loss.

In the nightcap, Lock Haven put a run on the board in the bottom of the first, but the Mountaineers responded with a pair of runs in the second to take over the lead. Brady Mengel drove in the first with an RBI single through the left side before Carlos Espinosa scored on a double play ball.

The Bald Eagles countered with a pair of runs in the third to regain the lead at 3-2

In the top of the sixth inning, Mengel drove a two-out single through the left side to score Dio Infante and tie the game at 3-3. However, Lock Haven’s Nick Stotler came through clutch with a walk-off RBI single into right field to win the game and sweep the doubleheader.

Scott Leitholf moved to 4-0 on the mound, pitching 7.0 innings with seven strikeouts. Luke Hills took the loss.

Mansfield hosts Lock Haven on Monday at Shaute Field in a doubleheader that was originally scheduled for Friday, March 30.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10 - Baseball: Mounties vs. Slipper Rock University; 1 & 3 p.m. in Slippery Rock, PA	11	12	13 - Men's & Women's Track and Field: Mounties vs. Molly Dry High School Invitational; Neutral in Mansfield, PA - Baseball: Mounties vs. Bloomsburg; Home @ 1 & 3 p.m.	14 - Baseball: Mounties vs. Bloomsburg; Away (Bloomsburg, PA) 1 & 3 p.m. - Softball: Mounties vs. Bloomsburg; Home (Mansfield, PA) 1 & 3 p.m.
15	16	17 - Baseball: Mounties vs. Indiana University; Home (Mansfield, PA) 1& 3 p.m.	18	19	20 - Baseball: Mounties vs. Shippensburg; Away (Shippensburg, PA) 1 & 3 p.m. - Softball: Mounties vs. Indiana University; Away (Indiana, PA) 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.	21 - Men & Women's Track and Field: Mounties vs. Mountaineer Invitational; Home (Mansfield, PA) All day - Baseball: Mounties vs. Shippensburg; Home (Mansfield, PA) 1 & 3

# The Flashlight

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Photo courtesy of Terry Day

Participants and Mayor Detweiler get together for a photo in South Hall Mall. Some of the organizations that participated were: Alpha Kappa Lambda (AKL), Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA), Alpha Sigma Tau (AST), Chemistry Club, Colleges Against Cancer, Community Service Club, Computer Science Club, Delta Zeta (DZ), Flashlight, Football, Kappa Phi, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Lifting Club, Mansfield Military and Veterans Organization, MU Nurses Association (MUNA), Phi Alpha Honor Society, Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Sigma Pi, Photography Club, PRSSA, Psychology Club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE), Social Work Club, Spectrum, Student Dietetic Association, Sycamore Hall, Tau Beta Sigma, Women's Basketball, Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA), Snow Sports Club, Men for Progress, BSU, Sisters of Sophia, HSSGA, WNTE

## Students participate in Big Event for community service

**BY DAN MASON**  
*FLASHLIGHT ADVISOR*

More than 300 students volunteered their time last Saturday in the annual day-long Big Event to help cement the relationship between Mansfield, the town, and Mansfield University.

Dr. Frank Crofchick, Assistant Vice President of Mansfield University and Dean of Students, brought back The Big Event four years ago. "Mansfield University used to do The Big Event a number of years ago," Crofchick said in an email, "but ended up cancelling it every year due to weather or scheduling conflict." Crofchick liked the idea of the University family coming together to give

back to the community that he resurrected the idea.

"The Big Event is on its fourth consecutive year," Crofchick said. "The first year 750 hours of service were completed. This year 1,100 hours of service were completed."

Crofchick organized The Big Event, with "a ton of help from my student worker, Kyle Cannon." The Student Government Association paid for T-shirts for all participants.

Mansfield Mayor Mike Detweiler thanked the students before they went to their work assignments. "Going back to my Amish roots, I am reminded that 'Many hands make light work,'" Detweiler said. "On behalf of the Borough, we appreciate your willingness to come out and help people. It means a lot

to us."

Among the many volunteers were four sisters from Kappa Phi. "We were stationed at the 1st Presbyterian Church," Cassandra Miller, President of Kappa Phi said. "We helped mulch their flower beds, raked leaves and cleaned up inside the church. That included dusting pews, mopping floors and polishing furniture. We also helped paint the poles along Main Street."

Ralph Briggs, President of the Lifting Club, brought the Lifting Club treasurer, secretary and one of their lifters to the VFW. "We were the mulching crew at the VFW," Briggs said. "We mulched all of the areas that needed mulching on the VFW property."

Volunteers were not limited to

Mansfield. Six members of the Psychology Club volunteered at Highland Chocolates in Wellsboro. "We did landscaping and other yard work," Olga Bilardi, President of the Psychology Club, said.

A measure of the success of the event can be seen by the number of local businesses that put signs in their windows thanking Mansfield University students for "giving up their Saturday to give back," according to Crofchick.

"I am hoping this event gets bigger each year," Crofchick said. "We would love to possibly have a smaller fall semester service day next year."

## Professors' offices to move from Pinecrest to Belknap and Retan

**BY LUCIANNA MINOIA**  
*COPY EDITOR*

Because Pinecrest is scheduled for

demolition at the end of the 2018 spring semester, about 18 Mansfield University faculty are relocating to Belknap and Retan.

The faculty is moving because "[Pine Crest] is not in good condition," Dr. John Ulrich, Interim Provost and Vice President

of Academic Affairs, said.

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## Mansfield University honors troops

**BY TAEOR BOWER**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

Remember Everyone Deployed (RED) Friday hosted annually by Mansfield University Student Veteran Organization (MUSVO) was held on April 13 at Van Norman Track.

The Mansfield students joined MUSVO to honor all currently deployed soldiers, receiving a red shirt and wristband before taking a picture. They stood on the football field and spelled out RED, which was photographed by a drone. This is the fourth annual gathering at Mansfield University and was also an opportunity for the students to send postcards to our troops.

The overall message of RED Friday is to let the deployed troops know that they are being thought of and they will not be forgotten. It

also symbolizes that as you prepared for your day, you recognized that there are men and women actively fighting for you to be able to work and/or go to school.

The original creation of RED Friday came from a chain email. The headline for the email read, “You will soon see a lot of people wearing RED on Fridays. Here’s why...” It went on to say, “Word of mouth, press, TV — let’s see if we can make the United States, on any given Friday, a sea of RED much like a home football game at a university.”

This email surfaced in 2005 and has been an enduring tradition in America, being adopted by Canada a year later. So, if you want to show your respect, for those sacrificing so much for our country, join the “sea of RED” every Friday.

## Student government hosts part-time/summer jobs fair

**BY ZOE ESPERSETH**  
*STAFF WRITER*

The Mansfield University Student Government Association (SGA) will be hosting a part-time/summer jobs fair.

The job fair will take place on April 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Alumni Hall room 307.

“The fair is targeted toward part-time and summer jobs for students. Some jobs are on campus and some are in Wellsboro,” Seungho Lee, Student Government Association Treasurer, said.

Over 11 businesses are represented at the fair. This includes Mansfield University campus positions, such as campus ground

crew and jobs at the Kelchner Fitness Center. Other businesses attending the job fair includes Broad Acres Health and Rehab, Tioga Human Services and the local YMCA.

“Most majors are represented at the fair, these businesses are looking for people with a college education,” Lee said. This is the first year that SGA will be hosting the part time/summer job fair. “This fair provides students with jobs and more opportunities, as well as cooperation with both the local community and the chamber of commerce.”

The part time/summer job fair does not cost anything for the SGA to run but has taken a lot of time to organize and set up. Food and drinks will be provided at the fair.

## Professor relocation continued from page one

“The plan to relocate offices took quite a while to come up with. We discussed the problem with the faculty. Faculty in Belknap are retiring, so offices are available.”

Dr. Adrienne McEvoy is relocating to Belknap and Retan during the summer of 2018. “Relocating is a noble way of solving

a problem. Retan and Belknap have plenty of offices. Faculty generally don’t like change, but the facilities people are helping professors [move]” McEvoy said. “It’ll be easier for students to find me, since the classroom is already here.

## PSECU gives graduates a discount on cap and gown

**BY TAEOR BOWER**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

PSECU has another money-saver for Mansfield’s upcoming May graduates.

They’ll pay for your Cap & Gown set! The Grad Gear promotion has been running since March 26 and will continue until May 4. It is open to all current PSECU members and those that apply for a membership at their on-campus location, in lower Manser Dining

Hall, during the promotional period. The \$20-valued vouchers are in limited supply (first 100 eligible students), so take advantage of the offer while they’re still available. The voucher must be turned into the campus bookstore (Mountie Den) to redeem the offer.

If you have any further questions about the Grad Gear promotion visit: [www.psecu.com/gradgear/](http://www.psecu.com/gradgear/) or speak to a representative at the lower Manser location.

## University students attend Holocaust lecture in Corning

**BY ALEXANDRA RICHEY**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

The 12th annual Meta and John Spiegler Holocaust Remembrance Lecture took place at the Corning Museum of Glass Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Brenda Spiegler opened the occasion by explaining the significance of the lecture. Her parents, Meta and John Spiegler, were Holocaust survivors. They wanted people of all backgrounds to be able to have the opportunity to hear survivors talk about the hardships people endured during Hitler’s reign in Nazi Germany.

Lea Malek was the spotlight speaker of the evening. She spoke about surviving the Holocaust as a child. Lea started her lecture with humor then apologizing, because “putting 79 years into an hour long speech was incredibly difficult and terrifying to do in front of such a large crowd.” There were 150-200 people in attendance.

Malek was born in Hungary in 1939. She was five years old when her family first started feeling the influence of the Nazi party. She and her family were in route to Auschwitz by train when their lives were temporarily saved by getting rerouted to a concentration camp in Austria.

The gas chambers that killed many other Jews was waiting for those who went to Auschwitz. More than half of her family was killed by the end of the war, but Malek, her

mother, sister, and grandmother survived. They made their way back to Hungary only to find their home looted and empty.

When she was sixteen years old, Malek traveled to Budapest then to Israel where she met her husband. Malek and her husband settled in Rochester, New York soon after moving to the United States and opening a bakery called “Malek’s” with their three kids. She worked at the bakery for 26 years. She is now retired and likes to travel around the world.

“Though we all have our differences on the outside, we are all the same. There is no point in hating someone just because they are different than you,” Malek said. “A person you hate will never know it; it’ll only eat you up inside.” Rather than holding any resentment in her heart, Malek said her “revenge for Hitler was putting her kids through college” because they got the opportunity countless other Jews didn’t.

After the lecture, a woman in the audience said, “Listening to [Malek] speak about the torturous things she endured at such a young age was incredibly touching and applicable to current events in today’s society.”

Another audience member said he was, “Deeply inspired by the courage [Malek] had, not only to survive the Holocaust, but to remain, 79 years later, with a kind heart toward other people.”

discussion with the students that are present. The event is open to all students and I am hoping that it will be a good way for them to get involved with some of the organizations that have been invited including Men for Progress, Girl Talk, BSU, MISO, and Spectrum.”

Devin Haskins (M4P) Kenny Pate (Spectrum) Danielle Hickman (Girls Talk) and Myettia Peck (BSU). Each club’s president came as a representative of their organization for this event, gave speeches about their respective clubs and communicated with interested students.

RA’s Kenny Pate, Danielle Hickman, and Misty Vanhorn also came up with and organized the event. Roughly ten people were in attendance for this event. The event was still considered a success but the three organizers agreed that they would have liked to see more participants. They also hope to try the event again next semester.

## RAs make discovering diversity event to expose students to other clubs

**BY TE’WUAN THORNE**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

Mansfield University’s major minority clubs held a joint informational meeting.

On April 3 the Black Student Union, Girls Talk, Men for Progress, MISO (Mansfield International Student Organization) and Spectrum came together to teach other students about their respective organizations.

“The Discovering Diversity event is meant to provide students at Mansfield University with a better understanding of what the different clubs hope to accomplish by being on the campus,” Kenny Pate, a Residence Assistant and Spectrum President, said. “It also showcases or explains events they hold to either get their voice out there or to educate students on things they feel is important to their club as a whole. Discovering Diversity is set up in a way that clubs will either give a presentation about themselves or have a



Photo courtesy of Andrew Wilson  
From left to right: Ryan Heisler, Chris Tanczos, Ryan Shaw, Dan Collins, Andrew Wilson, Charlie Charlesworth

## Mansfield University takes the gold at fly fishing competition

BY ANDREW WILSON  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Mansfield University took the gold at the first Pennsylvania Collegiate Fly Fishing Competition on April 7. Twenty-eight anglers from eight Pennsylvania colleges--Juniata College, Messiah College, Pitt Johnstown, Pitt Bradford, Edinboro University, Keystone College, Shippensburg University and Mansfield University--stepped into Spring Creek of Milesburg Pa. at 8 a.m. The contest was broken into four sessions. Anglers fished in two sessions and scored fish for others in the other two sessions. The idea of a college only Fly Fishing Competition Series came from Ryan Heisler of

Juniata College and Dan Collins of Mansfield University. They pitched the idea to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Trout Unlimited. Both organizations loved the idea so much that the competition will be funded for at least five more years. The goal of the composition is to get college students who enjoy fishing to come together, share stories, make connections with each other, and fish. Andrew Wilson, Dan Collins, Chris Tanczos, and Ryan Shaw represented Mansfield University. Collins placed first in the indivial category. He also scored the most fish caught all day. Wilson and Shaw placed third and fourth respectively. Messiah College took second in the team category and Juniata College took third.

## Veterans club organizes barbecue for students during finals week

BY STEVE MCCAULEY  
SECRETARY

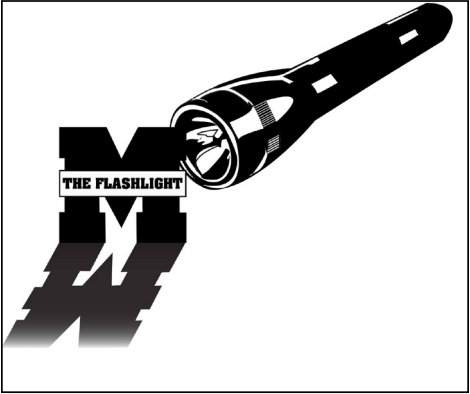
On the first day of finals week, there will be a mental health awareness barbecue by the Mansfield University Student Veteran's Organization. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the student veterans will be handing out free burgers and hotdogs to students. The organization does this as a way to give back to the Mansfield University community. The club scheduled it during finals week because it is one of the most stressful times of the semester. "I love the barbecue and it was a huge

success last year. It helps raise awareness of mental health issues in one of the most stressful times of the school year," Sophomore Eric Grant said. "We have a lot of tables which give information about on and off campus programs and services that students can use when in need. It promotes stress relief in a positive way, and we feed a lot of students in the process." In response to whether or not the barbecue would be good for the veteran community to reach out, Senior Josh Kosek said, "As long as people know about it [it will be]." This year, the club is hoping for an even better turn-out.

## Festival choir performs Annelies

BY DANIELLE SMITH  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

The Festival Chorus, which is open to all university students, faculty and community singers, performed James Whitbourn's Annelies Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in Steadman Theater located in Butler Center. Annelies is a seventy-five-minute choral work based on the Diary of Anne Frank. There are two different versions able to be performed: the "Chamber Version" and the "Orchestral Version." The Festival Chorus performed the Orchestral Version. The Festival Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, was accompanied by Eun-Joo Kwok on the piano, Brad Holtman on the cello, Max Buckholtz on the violin, Richard MacDowell on the clarinet. Soloist Alissa Rose portrayed Anne Frank. The chorus is comprised of twenty-five sopranos, twenty-three altos, eight tenors and fifteen basses. Annelies has fourteen movements: 1. Introit-Prelude, 2. The capture foretold, 3. The plan to go into hiding, 4. The last night at home and arrival at the annexe, 5. Life in hiding, 6. Courage, 7. Fear of capture and the second break-in, 8. Kyrie- Sinfonia, 9. The dream, 10. Devastation of the outside world, 11. Passing of time, 12. The hope of liberation and a spring awakening, 13. The capture and the concentration camp, and 14. Anne's meditation. The libretto for Annelies is 128 pages. It has movements in English, Dutch and German. "It was a very dark piece, yet beautifully done. They really encompassed all the emotions Whitbourn was trying to convey," concert-attendee Sharon Smith said.



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## Scholars at Risk professor presents on campus

**BY MOLLY FURLONG**  
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Dr. Simten Cosar hosted a Scholars at Risk lecture at Mansfield University to discuss both the SAR network and the situation in Turkey.

Scholars at Risk is an organization that relocates academics from all around the world who are not safe in their home country. These scholars apply or are nominated for SAR, and are then transferred to a university abroad where they can continue research and work. Frequently, a scholar at risk is in jeopardy because they challenged or criticized a corrupt regime. As a result, these scholars can be blacklisted, forced not to work or imprisoned.

Such is the case with Cosar. A native of Turkey, she is currently being hosted by Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Cosar was a graduate professor at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey before she had to flee the country to escape political persecution. As one of the 2,212 signatories on a Petition for Peace by the Academics for Peace group in Turkey, she helped call out the Turkish government for the use of armed forces against its civilians. Dr. Cosar told not only her story, but the stories of thousands of targeted academics in Turkey. Mass detention and dismissal of scholars in Turkey continues to occur, and students are mistreated as well.

## Alumni talks to students about job opportunities teaching English

**BY NATALIA COLES**  
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The Political Science department held a talk about teaching English in China.

The event was put together by Dr. Rothermel, a political science professor. Mansfield University alumni, Scott Allis was contacted to the meeting via video chat to Allen Hall to discuss his experiences teaching in China for several years. Allis works for Education First (EF/educationfirst.com) since August of 2015, a company found in 1965 and now spread over 116 countries in North and South American, Europe, and Asia.

During the meeting, Allis went over what it was like to live in China, experience a new culture, and live in a virtually crime-free environment. Other perks Allis mentioned about teaching English in China were a decent

Some scholars were not lucky enough to leave Turkey before the government confiscated their passports or detained them.

Those who signed the petition watched their lives change overnight. They went from being respected members of the academic community to being told they cannot think, research or express themselves in their own way. Many professors were asked to take their name off the petition, and when they didn't comply they were either forced to retire or dismissed from their positions, with investigations opened against them for being a security risk to Turkey. They were unable to go to events without fear and were uncomfortable saying how they felt about the regime.

The tendency of academics to criticize corrupt regimes tends to make them a target for authoritarian forces like those within Turkey. Scholars at Risk allows scholars like Cosar to connect and share their stories with universities from around the world, all while removing them from the dangerous setting in their home country. It provides these scholars with time to think and decide how they want to proceed with their futures. Despite the political strife and uncertainty, Cosar expressed her hopes of returning to Turkey in the near future.

salary which would allow students to save money and make student loan payments, as well as a much lower cost of living compared to that of the United States. As for getting a job, the market is booming for native English speakers who would like to teach. Also, China has stronger labor laws, as compared to that of the United States and a decent health care system.

"China is growing and becoming an important country in the grand scheme of things," Dr. Rothermel said when asked why this would be a good experience for his students, or why he considered it important for his students to know about this opportunity. China is becoming a major world power and many of China's citizens are learning English as a way to be able to compete in the global market. For his students, Dr. Rothermel related this to international relations.

## Editorial: Saying farewell to Mansfield University

**BY EMMA LYNCH**  
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

I was something of a late bloomer. I didn't decide what I wanted to be as an adult until my senior year of high school. I didn't apply for college until almost a year after I graduated. Now, I'm 24, graduating in May, the Editor-in-Chief of The Flashlight, and I know exactly who I want to be and what I want to do. So, for my last editorial, I wanted to do something a little different than what I've been doing. I wanted to say farewell to my Mountie family.

In high school I was always a little bit of an outcast. I figured that when I came to college it would be a similar experience. I couldn't have been more wrong. Within a week I'd made friends with several different groups of people and everyone in them couldn't have been more different. I had friends who would have been part of the popular clique in high school, ones who would have been in drama or debate. The list varies. The more time I spent down here, the happier and more at home I felt. By the end of the semester I had decided to move in with a few friends who had an off-campus apartment, get a job and work my way through college. Which is exactly what I've done.

It hasn't been easy; I've dealt with various illnesses, lost friends and loved ones and pushed myself to the point of exhaustion way too often. But I also gained several things; Friends, family, love and a stronger understanding of who I am.

You might be wondering why I'm telling you all of this. I said earlier that I'm writing this to say farewell to my Mountie family, but I also wanted to give all of you some advice: be who you are. Do what makes you happy.

I had a great time at MU. Sure, there were ups and downs and bumps along the road. Overall, though, I wouldn't trade any of it for the world. You might realize that the Mountie family isn't the right one for you, or you might go to graduate school here. You might have transferred in, started right out of high school or waited a few years before going to college. The point is this is your time. Your time to shine, learn, grow and come into your own. Meet new people, join that club you've been thinking about joining for six months now. College isn't always going to be easy. Sometimes you'll want to rip your hair out and scream. That's when you fall back on those around you, the ones who understand the most what you're going through.

You might doubt yourself sometimes, you might change majors three times before you're done. Do it. Don't be afraid of change, and don't (most importantly) don't let anyone tell you what to do with your life or when you should be doing something (unless it's schoolwork, then you might want to have it done when your professor tells you to); we all march to the beat of our own drums. Live life to the fullest, make mistakes and try your hardest. At the end of the day, you're the one who is going through it and your life is going to be affected by the choices you make now.

I will be forever grateful that my high school friend introduced me to Mansfield University. To my professors, friends, family, staff, administration and faculty (basically everyone): thank you. You've given me some of the best opportunities I could ask for, strength I needed when I couldn't find it on my own, encouragement to figure out where I belong and a wonderful place to call home.

Go Mounties!

## RA addresses sexual assault on campus

**BY EMILY TRACY**  
*FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR*

Sycamore Hall RA Veronica Phillip addressed the problem of sexual assault on college campuses by inviting a representative of Haven of Tioga County to her showing of The Hunting Ground a documentary about rape on college campuses.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The movie, shown on April 11, was used to start a conversation on the way universities respond to students who report sexual

assaults. Nationally, universities disregard reports because they have a vested interest in keeping their crime statistics low. They do not want the image of a rape to keep students from applying to their school. Because of this, victims of sexual assault often do not receive the help they need and predators continue their lives undeterred.

"Getting people to come out to programs can sometimes be challenging," Phillip said. "It is unfortunate that a topic as important as sexual assault could not be prioritized by students."

# Dolores Stafford '87 to speak at Mansfield commencement ceremony

Dolores Stafford, president and CEO of D. Stafford & Associates and a 1987 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 153nd Commencement on Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. at Decker Gymnasium.

"Dolores Stafford is a leader, a trailblazer, and a Mansfield success story," MU Interim President Scott Barton said in making the announcement. "Her story of service, dedication, and advocacy is one we want our newest graduates to hear. We are honored to welcome Dolores back to campus to speak at Commencement."

D. Stafford & Associates is a professional services firm focusing on safety and security related issues on college campuses, specializing in Clery Act and Title IX compliance issues. Stafford also serves as the Executive Director of the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals (NACCOP), a professional association for campus administrators who are responsible for managing Clery Act compliance.

Stafford is the owner of both companies.

She served as the chief of police at The George Washington (GW) University in Washington, D.C., from 1992-2010 and has 26 years of experience in the law enforcement and security industries. Stafford spent a total of 23 years in campus law enforcement at GW, Butler University, and Bucknell University.

Stafford has 20 years of experience overseeing a sexual assault crisis response team that she implemented and managed at both GW and Butler. She has experience in developing operating procedures and protocols in Behavioral Threat Assessment and led a response team for more than five years at GW.

As one of the nation's few women police chiefs, Stafford won numerous accolades for her 26 years of service in the law enforcement field. She served as the 45th president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in 2003-2004, and she was the first woman to ever hold that office.

She won the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" award in 2002 in honor of her ongoing contributions to improving the law enforcement profession. In 2004, Stafford was honored by the European Association for Campus Security for her expertise and achievements in campus security. In 2006, the Campus Safety Magazine developed a Campus Safety Director of the Year Award and in March 2007, Stafford was named the first winner of this prestigious award. In June 2008, Stafford was presented with the Distinguished Young Alumni Award by Mansfield University.

As a nationally recognized expert in the Clery Act and Title IX, Stafford has assisted several hundred institutions in achieving and maintaining their compliance with federal laws. She has conducted independent audits, reviews, and/or training for a variety of institutions of higher education.

More information is available at [www.dstaffordandassociates.com](http://www.dstaffordandassociates.com) and [www.naccop.org](http://www.naccop.org).

# Getting enough sunshine this summer

BY OLIVIA MOATS  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

Spring is (supposedly) here! That means warmer weather, nicer days, and more sun. Sunlight is one of the easiest way to get an extremely important vitamin; vitamin D.

Vitamin D, also known as the sunshine vitamin, is proven to be lacking in most American diets due to spending too much time indoors and not eating fortified foods. It has the unique ability to be produced within the body from enzymes in the skin reacting with ultraviolet B rays from the sun, making it one of the easiest vitamins to have adequate amounts of. A lack of this vitamin can lead to a whole slew of health problems, including heart disease, osteoporosis, and rickets.

As stated, vitamin D is most easily acquired from the sun, but there are some food sources for it. Liver, beef, dairy, and egg yolks are all relatively high in vitamin D, as well as fortified juices. The recommended daily amount of vitamin D for adults

younger than 70 is 600 IU/day, which means International Units, or 15 micrograms/day. Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin, so the body is able to store it as needed instead of excreting the excess. Though the body is able to store some, it is still dangerous to intake more than 50 micrograms/day of vitamin D, as there are some toxicity symptoms.

Vitamin D is synthesized within the body when the skin is exposed to sunlight, specifically ultraviolet B rays. Because of which UV ray the body needs, it is not possible to produce vitamin D in the winter in Mansfield. Fair skinned individuals are able to produce more vitamin D then darker skin tones, making upwards of 10,000 IU/day. Luckily, it is not possible to develop vitamin D toxicity from being in the sun too long, though enough vitamin D can be made in just 10 minutes. Those with darker skin might have to be out in the sun for up to six times longer to produce the same amount of vitamin D.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 - 2:30 p.m. - Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra student solo concert in Steadman Theatre	23 - 8:00 p.m. - Fireside Chat: Open question & answer session with President Barton in Sycamore multi-purpose room	24 - 9:00 p.m. - Team trivia night @ the Hut	25 - 11:00 a.m. - Employer on-campus: Pennsylvania state police in Lower Manser - 6:00 p.m. - Piano studio recital in Steadman Theatre - 9:00 p.m. - Open mic night @ the Hut	26 - 7:30 p.m. - MU vocal jazz festival concert in Steadman Theatre - 9:00 p.m. - Jam sessions @ the Hut	27 - !0:30 a.m. - New student orientation begins - 7:30 p.m. - MU instrumental jazz festival concert in Steadman Theatre - 8:00 p.m. - SGA presents Lil Dickey on Van Norman Field	28 - 12:00 p.m. - New student orientation ends - 10:30 a.m. - New student orientation begins - 10:30 a.m. - String project recital in Butler - 11:00 a.m. - String Project Recital in Butler - 2:30 p.m. - Symphonic band concert
29 - 12:00 p.m. - New student orientation ends - 2:30 p.m. - MU wind ensemble concert in Steadman	30 - All day - spring semester classes end - 7:30 p.m. - MU percussion ensemble concert in Steadman Theatre	May 1 - All Day - Final examination period - 2:00 p.m. - Chillin' with the Canines in 307 Alumni Hall Student Center - 9:00 p.m. - Team trivia night @ the Hut	2 - All Day - Final examination period - 9:00 p.m. - Open mic night @ the Hut	3 - All Day - Final examination period - 7:00 p.m. - Acting class recital in Steadman Theatre - 9:00 p.m. - Jam sessions @ the Hut	4 - All Day - Final examination period	5 - 11:00 a.m. - Spring Commencement

# Greek life celebrates Paddy Murphy week

BY MORGAN BISHOP  
FLASHLIGHT CONTRIBUTOR

SAE brothers around the world celebrate the famous brother, Paddy Murphy, by dedicating a week to fundraising through a variety of activities.

The four social sororities on campus: ASA, AST, ZTA and DZ, helped in fundraising for the Children’s Miracle Network, one of the SAE philanthropies. To decide the winner, the sorority who earned the most points through sisters attendance; got half of the money fundraised to donate to a charity of their choosing.

On Monday, the start of Paddy Murphy week, a brief service was held for the late brother and the handing over of the decorated coffin lids. Each sorority had to decorate a coffin lid in honor of Paddy Murphy; the brothers of SAE displayed them in lower Manser for people to donate money in the jar

of the coffin they wanted to win.

Card making took place in the Spruce multipurpose room and all the cards made were donated to the Children’s Miracle Network. Lastly, on Friday night, the brothers hosted a pageant called Miss Minerva. A member from each sorority competed to win the crown and title of Miss Minerva. Maranna Nitznski from AST won this year’s Miss Minerva pageant by showcasing her mixed martial arts skills.

The sisters of ASA were the winning sorority of the week and chose to donate the money to the S. June Smith Center which supports children with disabilities.

Overall, Paddy Murphy week was a huge success and had an abundance of participation from all four sororities. This is an event that Mansfield Greek Life will be looking forward to in the upcoming year.

## Sidebar: The legend of Paddy Murphy

Sidebar: Paddy Murphy was a member of Al Capone’s Five Points gang and one of the few (possibly the only) members to have graduated from college – although which college is unclear.

Elliott Ness was known as one of Chicago’s biggest crime fighters and was part of a team working to catch Capone, nicknamed “The Untouchables”. Through his work with the Untouchables, Ness discovered a flower shop that Capone used as his secret hide out. He and his men broke into the flower shop late one night and discovered stacks of money, drugs, and paperwork. Ness and his men grabbed what they could, leaving as Capone and Murphy came back to finish up some business. Capone noticed the back door was open and knew it was Ness who had done it. Murphy and Capone tracked him down and stationed themselves on a roof across from his apartment building.

Capone turned to Murphy and told him to shoot Ness and end his life, emphasizing that if the task was not done the pair would lose everything they had worked for. Murphy got his binoculars out of his coat to get a better look at Ness and noticed an SAE badge on his shirt. Murphy turned to Capone and told him that he cannot shoot Ness because Ness is his brother.

Capone gave Murphy an ultimatum in response: shoot Ness or be shot himself. Murphy again refused to kill Ness, telling Capone “then kill me.” Capone shot Murphy in the back between his sixth and seventh vertebrae. Ness heard the gunshot from his apartment, ran out of his apartment and found Murphy on the roof. Murphy, who was barely breathing, whispered “Phi Alpha” to Ness. Ness gave Murphy the secret SAE handshake and recited, in Greek, the meaning of SAE as Murphy died.

## Personal advertisements

- Congratulations to all those graduating this semester! We did it! - Emma Lynch

# President of APSCUF calls for everyone to work together

BY EMMA LYNCH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

APSCUF’s current president, Dr. Kenneth Mash, is trying to instigate changes that will benefit students, government, and universities alike.

Current laws and budgets have placed 75% of the cost of a college degree upon students. Housing costs have gone up by 75% since 2000, and the combination has placed a huge burden upon students seeking a higher education. Part of the problem began with the 2008 financial crisis that affected not just the Commonwealth or the U.S. specifically, but encompassed the entire planet. Concurrently, there was a marked tightening of the budget and a reluctance by legislators to raise taxes.

Dr. Mash would like to change that and bring about budgetary and legal changes allowing most of the burden of a college degree to be placed back on the state, rather than students. He would also like to see an increase in spending on education.

“Since 2010 the percent of the yearly budget spent on education has been decreasing,” Mash said. “It is, in effect, starving universities in this state.”

Part of Mash’s focus is ensuring that students get the highest quality education at the lowest cost. This will loosen the long-term financial ties placed on students, many of whom are still paying off their student loans ten to fifteen years down the road.

There is also an economical benefit to changing the spending habits of the Commonwealth; if students are spending less of their own money on college or taking out

less in loans they are in a better position after college to invest in the economy.

“That money is going to banks instead of the economy, because these students can’t afford to buy a house or a car,” Mash said.

At the same time, Mash would like to see a difference in the attitude of those in administration and government.

“We need to be more critical of ourselves,” Mash said. “Unless something is bound by the contract universities have with APSCUF there isn’t really anything we can do about administrative decisions other than talk about them.” Administrative decisions that he was critical of were the decisions to have new dorms built on some campuses while the old dorms were still being paid for, and announcing retrenchment plans then rescinding them.

“It’s bad publicity,” Mash said. “Those issues should have been worked out before the retrenchment announcement because, if they had, the announcement wouldn’t have been necessary in the first place.”

In keeping with this theme of change, properly funded schools, and removing the burden from students, Mash has led APSCUF to join Pennsylvania Promise. Pennsylvania Promise is an organization dedicated to providing affordable tuition for all students within the Commonwealth.

While no concrete plans to put these changes into effect have been made, Mash encourages students to let their voices be heard. With elections on the horizon he also holds onto hope that newly elected officials will share his views on education and that previously elected officials that remain in office will come to share his views.

## Wild art: The Computer Science Club and the Flashlight help out St. James Episcopal Church

Back Row: Dan Mason, Bill Gardner  
Middle Row: Bev Staron, Jamie Leonard, Kiera Peterson, Stephen Coles, Shayne Yonchiuk, Shaun Swatt  
Middle: Mayor Mike Detweiler  
Front row: Zoe Esperseth, Erin Sheridan, Julia Ngure, Rebekah Rocha

For The Big Event, the Flashlight staff and the Computer Science Club were assigned to help at the St. James Episcopal Church on St. James Street in Mansfield. The nine students moved half a ton of mulch from the driveway to the flowerbeds and half a ton of leaves and branches from the flowerbeds to the driveway. “They fed us pizza when we were done,” Kiera Peterson said. “It was great.”



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## Bowen Shatters Mansfield Record on Day 2 of Bison Outdoor Classic

Charlsie Bowen set a new Mansfield school record and personal best in the women’s pole vault with a height of 3.85m at the Bucknell Bison Outdoor Classic Sunday. Bowen now holds the top two spots on the Mansfield record books beating her best height of 3.73m in outdoor pole vault. Bowen is now ranked second in the DII Atlantic region and ties for tenth on the NCAA list. The senior’s DII provisional mark also qualifies her for the PSAC and ECAC Championships in May. Lyndsey Payne was the first of five to set a record for herself, running the women’s 3,000-meter race in 10:39.56 to finish 20th overall. Tyler Olrogg and Ben Drexler each bested themselves in the men’s 800m run finishing .43 seconds apart. Olrogg was first to come through in 132nd at 2:04.45 while Drexler crossed at 2:04.87 for a 135th place finish. Jordan Holmes and Travis Keefe also added a pair of personal records in the men’s 3,000m race. The two finished in 31st and 36th with respective times of 9:25.87 and 9:34.69. Nicholas Auchenbach finished 7th in the men’s

## Baseball Drops Doubleheader at Bloomsburg

The Mountaineers dropped a PSAC East doubleheader at Bloomsburg on Saturday, falling 10-6 in extra innings in the opener and 9-0 in the finale. In game one, Bloomsburg opened the scoring with a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. However, in the top of the third, Tyler Guidos wore a pitch with bases loaded to force in a run then J.P. Bonanca plated Colby Schearer with a sacrifice fly. Owen Lukens gave the Mounties a 3-2 advantage scoring on a throwing error by the catcher throwing down at a stealing Dio Infante. The Huskies scored the game-tying run in the bottom of the third. Bonanca drilled a two-run homer to right center in the fifth to regain the lead for Mansfield at 5-3. It was the senior’s third of the season. The Huskies edged within a run in the bottom of the fifth then forced extra innings with another run in the seventh. In the top of the eighth, Camren Ney got aboard with a lead-off single and moved over to second on a sac bunt. Lukens singled to the gap to bring home Ney and put Mansfield back on top 6-5. In the bottom of the inning, the Huskies tied the game with a bases-loaded walk before Cole Swiger hit a walk-off grand slam to take the game 10-6. Trey Hinkle earned the win in relief with Edwin Lopez taking the loss. In game two, it was all Bloomsburg who scored a two runs in the first, three in the second, and added another in the third to jump out to an early 6-0 lead. The Huskies capped the scoring by plating three more runs in the fifth. Chad Cooperman earned the win on the mound with Evan McAndrew taking the loss. Mansfield hosts IUP at Shaute Field on Tuesday.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 - All Day - Women's Track and Field: Mounties vs. Alfred Invitational	24 - 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. - Softball: Mounties vs. East Stroudsburg University; Home (Mansfield, PA) - 4:00 & 6:30 p.m. - Baseball: Mounties vs. Penn College; Away (Williamsport, PA)	25	26 - All Day - Men & Women's Track & Field: Mounties vs. Penn Relays; Away (Philadelphia, PA)	27 - 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Baseball: Mounties vs. Kutztown University; Home (Mansfield, PA) - 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Mounties vs. University of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown; Home	28 - 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Mounties vs. Kutztown University; Away (Kutztown, PA) - 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Softball: Mounties vs. Lock Haven University; Away (Lock Haven, PA)
29	30	May 1 - 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Baseball: Mounties vs. Clarion University; Away (Clarion, PA)	2	3 - All Day - Men & Women's Track & Field: Mounties vs. PSAC Outdoor Championships; Away (Slippery Rock, PA)	4 - 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Baseball: Mounties vs. West Chester University; Home (Mansfield, PA)	5